

Distinct Ohmic Breakdown Physics in a Tokamak

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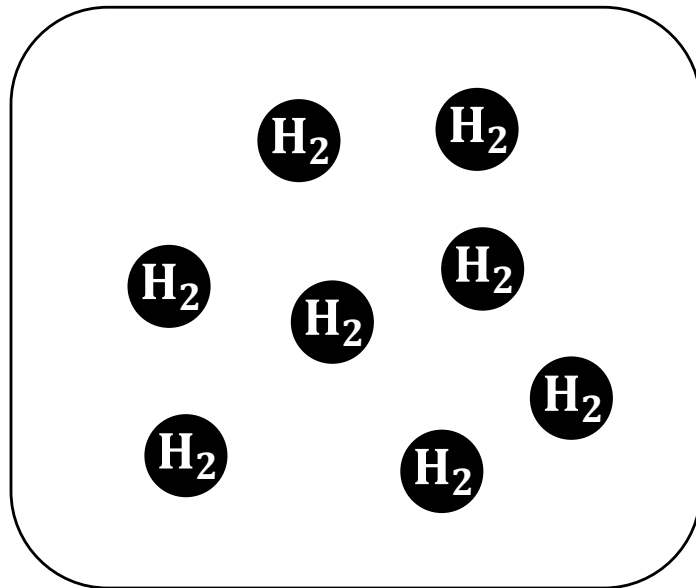
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Background

What is a breakdown?

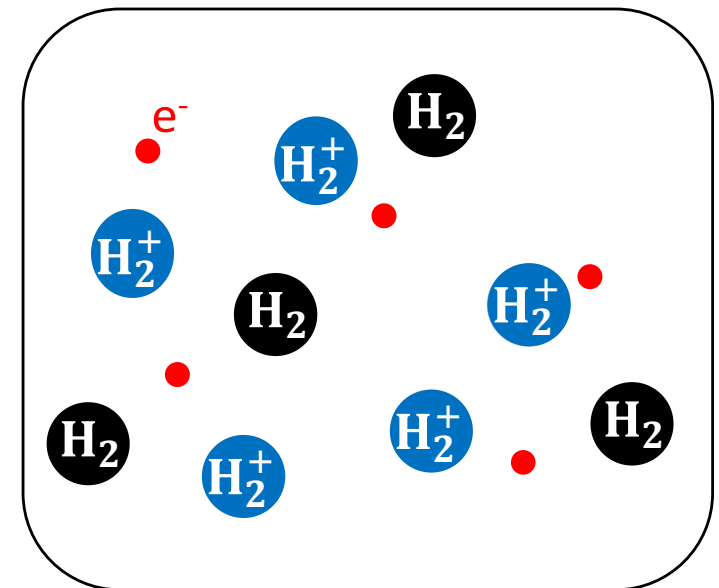
Electrical breakdown

➔ Rapid reduction in the resistance of an electrical insulator



Neutral Gas
(Insulating)

Breakdown!



Partially Ionized Plasma
(Conducting)

Electron Avalanche

- Electron drift motion

$$v_{d,e} = -\mu_e \vec{E}$$

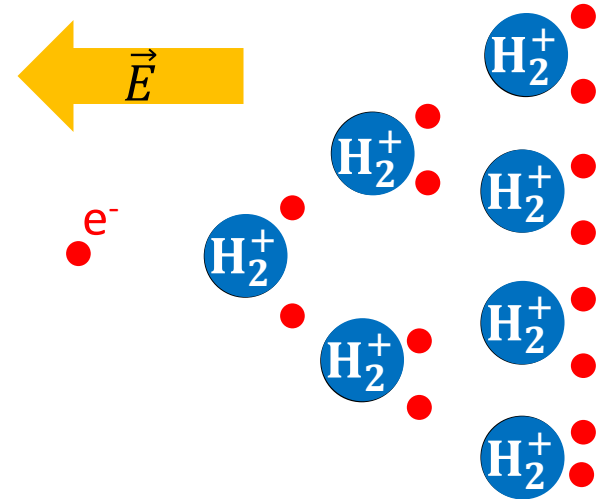
- Townsend avalanche theory

$$\frac{dn(x)}{dx} = \alpha n(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad n(x) = n_0 \exp(\alpha x)$$

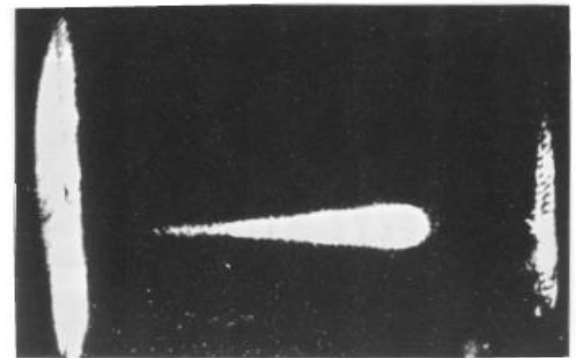
$$\text{where } \alpha = Ap \exp\left(-\frac{Bp}{E}\right)$$

- Characteristics of Townsend avalanche

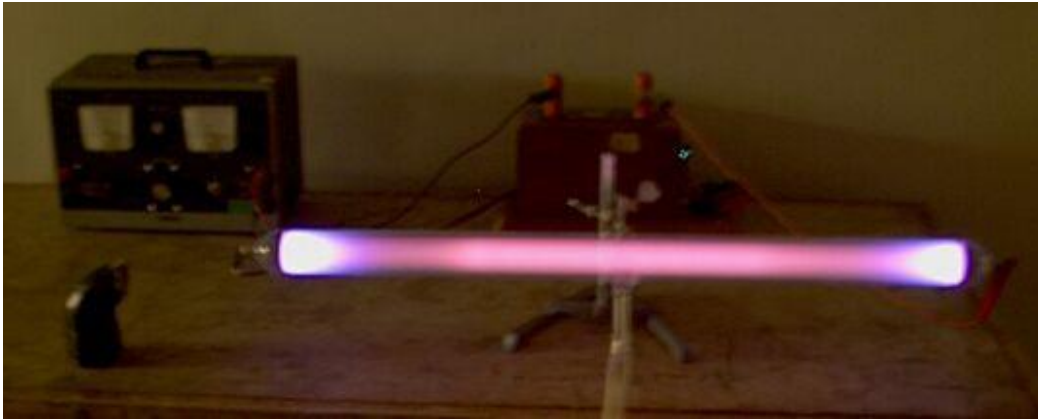
- External electric fields is dominant.
- Transport is parallel to the electric field.



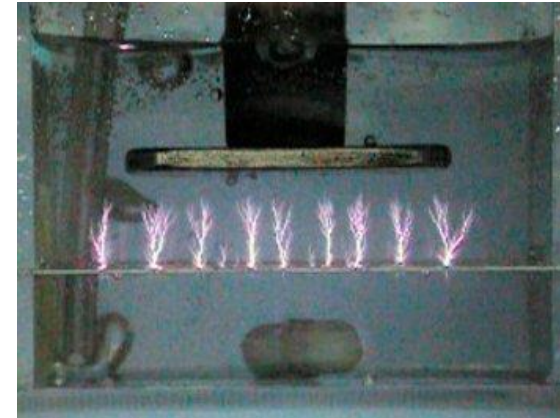
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Electric Discharges



Glow discharge



Streamer



Arc discharge

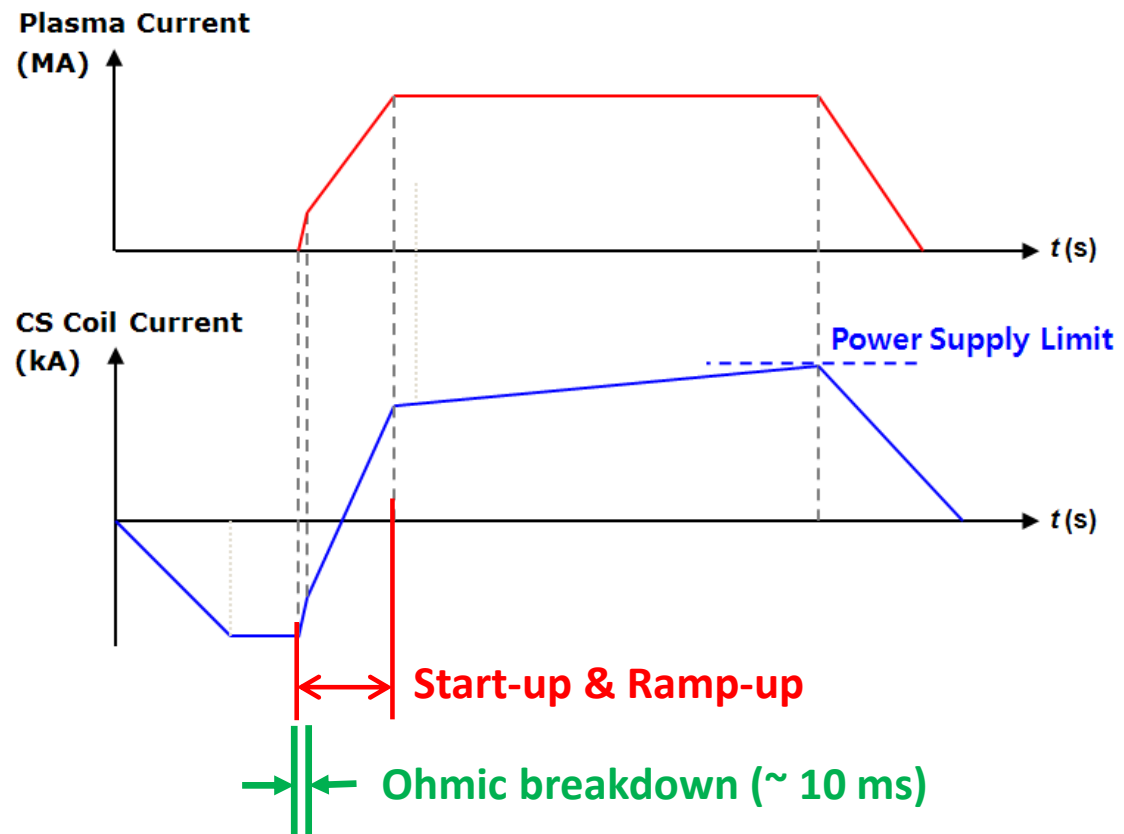
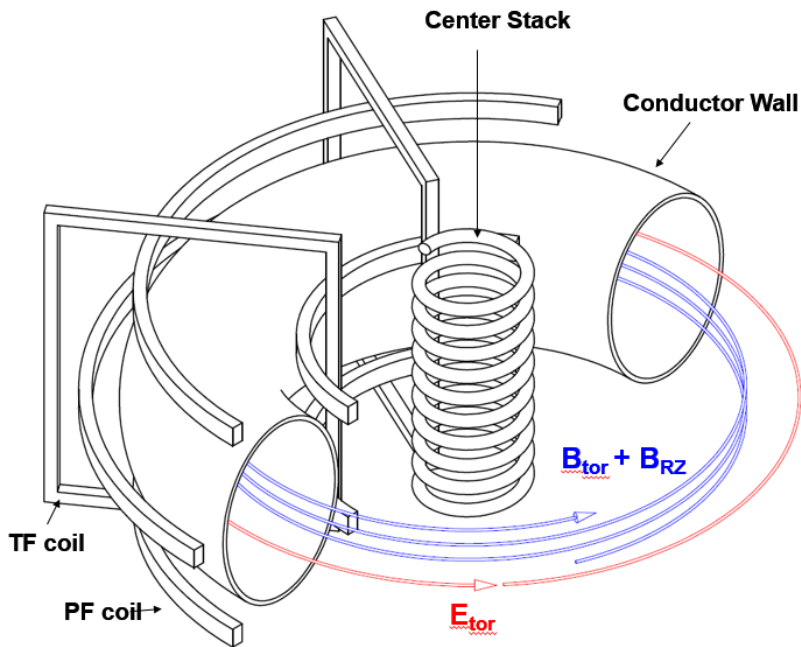


Lightning

Electric discharges are one of most interesting physical phenomena for a long time!!

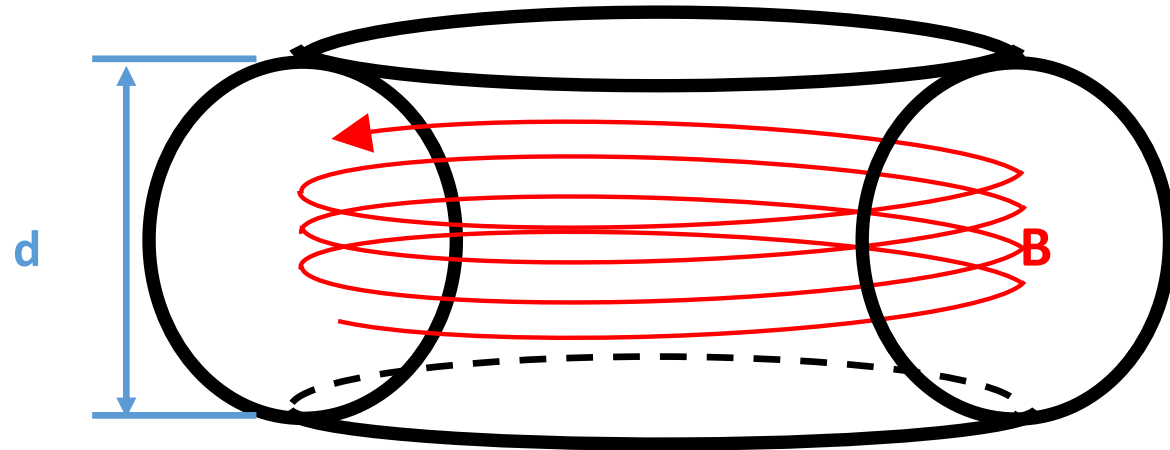
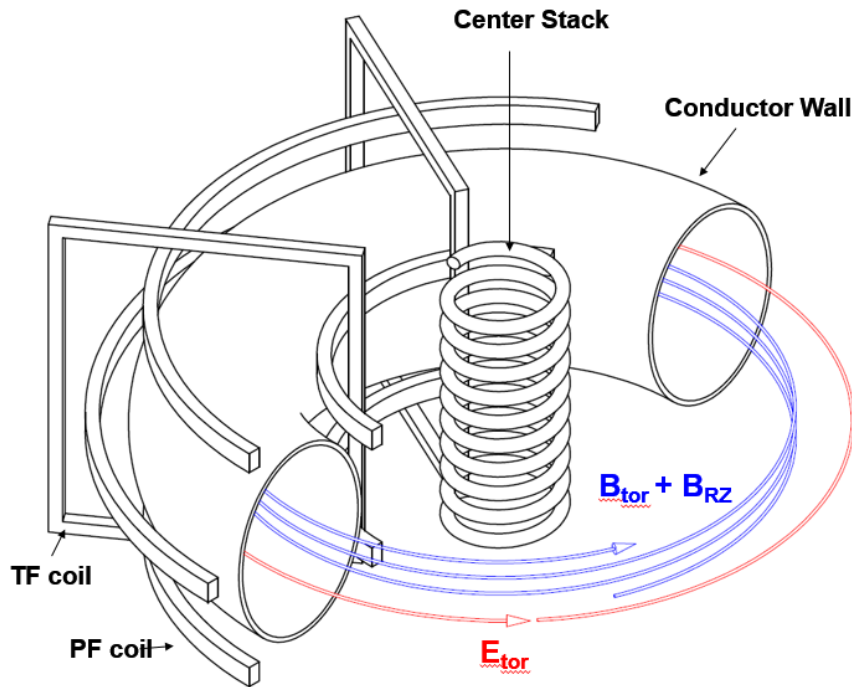
Introduction

Ohmic Breakdown in the Tokamak



- **Toroidal electric fields** is induced by time-varying current of central solenoids (CS) to make electron avalanches in the tokamak.
- $|E_{tor}| \sim 1 \text{ V/m}$ for usual tokamaks, $|E_{tor}| < 0.3 \text{ V/m}$ for ITER due to engineering limits

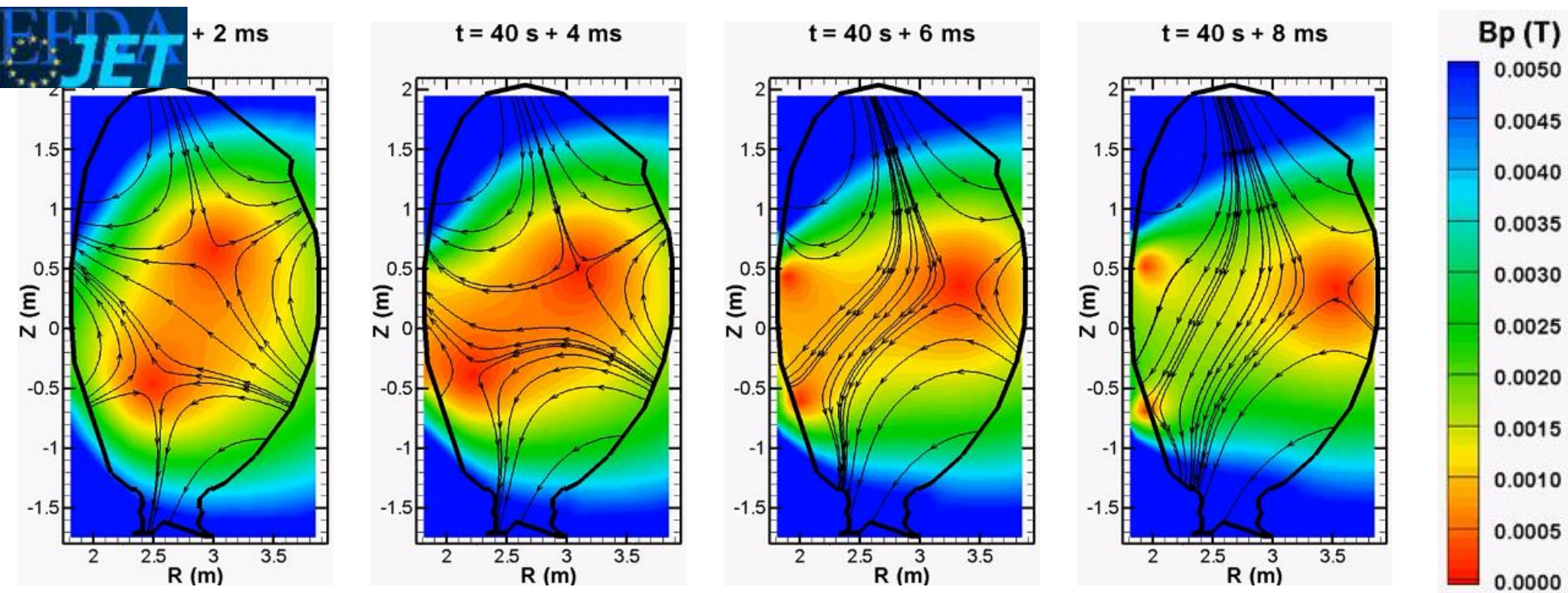
Stray magnetic fields



$$L \sim \left(\frac{B_{tor}}{B_z} \right) d$$

- **Stray magnetic fields** are produced by CS currents and eddy currents on the wall
- Since guiding centers of electrons tend to follow the magnetic field lines, electrons could be lost easily following stray magnetic fields.
- PF coil currents are adjusted to appropriately cancel the stray magnetic fields.

Magnetic Configurations during ohmic breakdown



- **Time-varying**, **inhomogeneous** and **nonlinear** electromagnetic configurations are **inherently produced** in the tokamak which is totally different from any other discharge device.

Motivation

Distinct Characteristics of the Ohmic Breakdown

1. Low E (~ 1 V/m) by Faraday's induction
2. Long length ($L = 1000 \sim 10000$ m)
3. Strong magnetic fields (~ 1 T)
4. Time-varying, inhomogeneous and nonlinear electromagnetic fields
5. Toroidal periodic & symmetric geometry

 **What's a picture of the ohmic breakdown physics under this unique situation?**

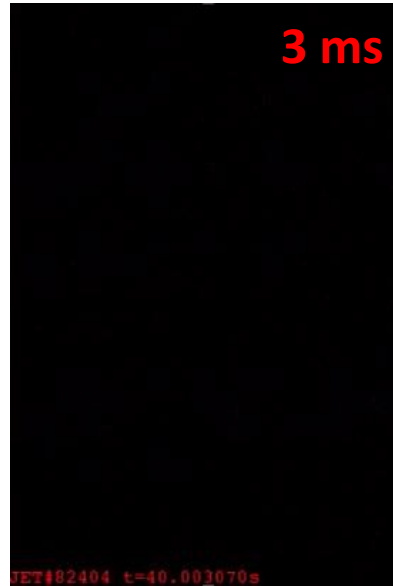
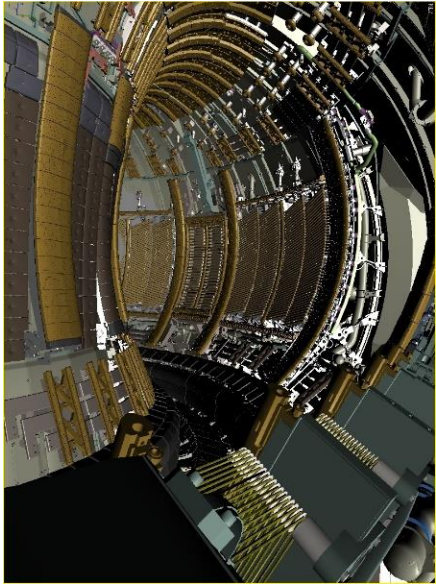
No one have a clear picture of the ohmic breakdown!

Lack of observations !

- **Initial plasma** during the avalanche phase is **cold** ($10\sim 100$ eV) and **rarefied** ($10^8 \sim 10^{15} \text{ m}^{-3}$)
- **Most diagnostics** in the tokamak focus **on hot dense plasma**

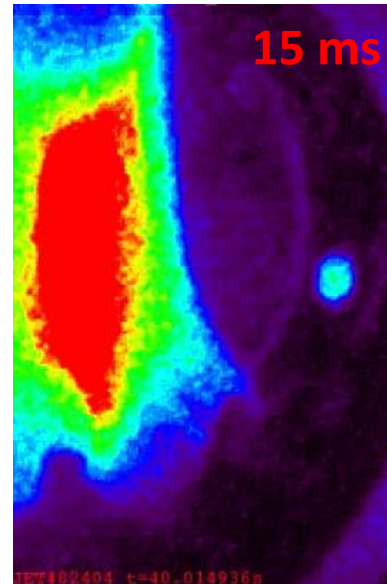
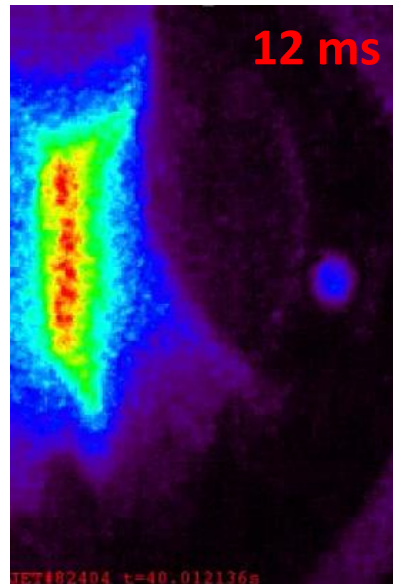
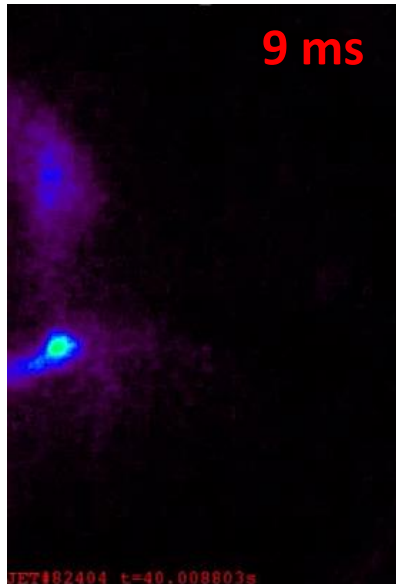
➔ Physics of the ohmic breakdown is not clearly revealed yet

JET Experimental Results (Fast Camera, KL8A)



Black Box

- What's going on here?



Why? How?

- Why inside?

- How is a channel like structure produced and maintained?

Townsend avalanche & Paschen's law

- **First Townsend ionization coefficient α**

: Ionization growth rate

$$\alpha = Ap \exp(-Bp / E)$$

$$\frac{dn(x)}{dt} = \alpha n(x) \Rightarrow n(x) = n_0 \exp\left(\int \alpha dx\right)$$

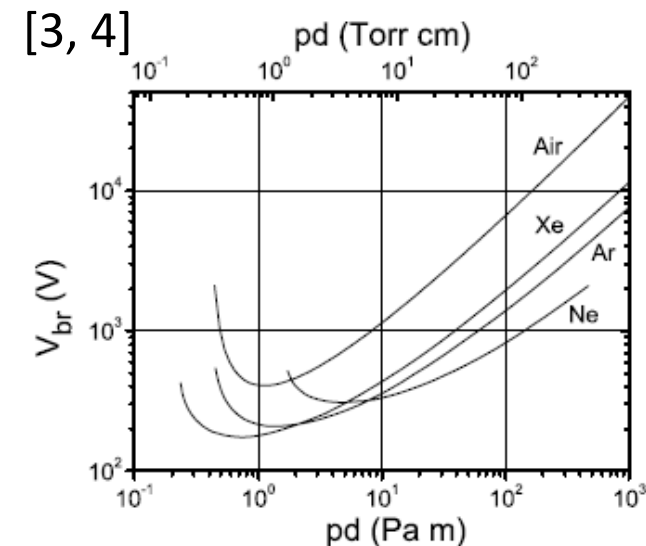
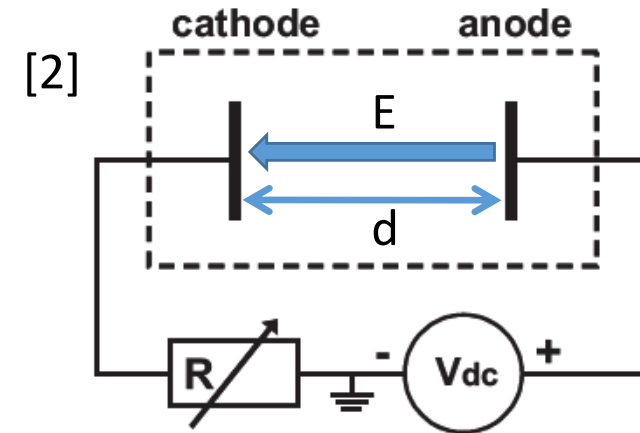
- **Necessary condition for self-sustaining of avalanche**

$$N_{e,sec} = \gamma(e^{\alpha d} - 1) \geq 1$$

- **Paschen's law**

$$V = Ed \geq \frac{B(pd)}{\ln[A(pd)]}$$

⇒ Breakdown is occurred by **several generation of avalanches**.
It can be determined by **global parameter p, d and V**,
because slab geometry is **homogeneous system**.



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Previous Study: Field Quality Approaches

Conventional field quality analysis

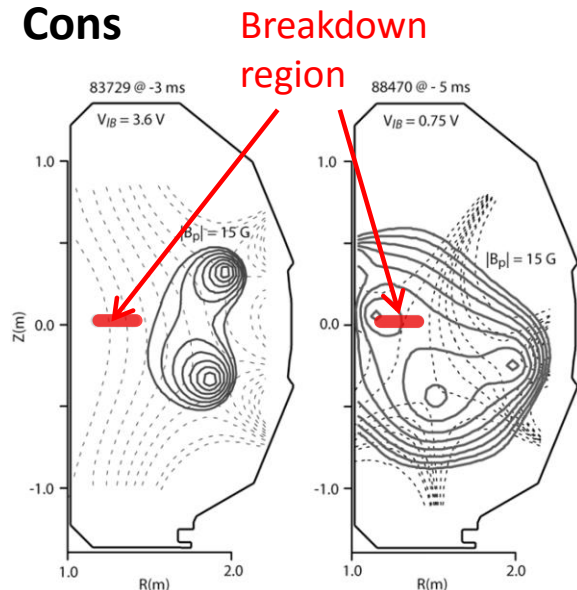
- Effective connection length [5]

$$L_{\text{eff}} \cong 0.25 a_{\text{eff}} B_T / B_p$$

- Empirical condition [6]

$$E_T B_T / B_{\perp} > 1000 \text{ V/m}$$

- Cons



Breakdown occurs at unexpected region

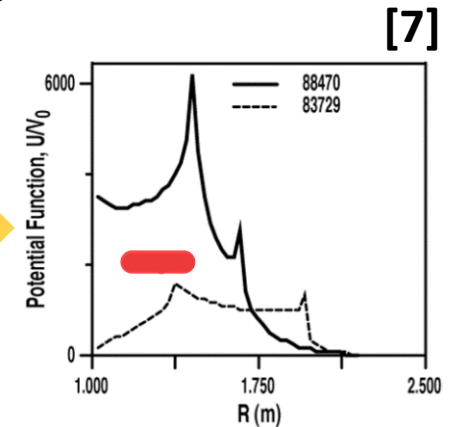
Field-line-following analysis

- Estimation of 2D field map quality by field-line integration

$$L = \int_{\vec{B}} dl$$

$$V = \int_{\vec{B}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$M = \int_{\vec{B}} \alpha dl$$



- Cons

- Static analysis at a specific time
- Considering only external fields (neglect fields produced by a plasma)

➡ No dynamic plasma evolution & response

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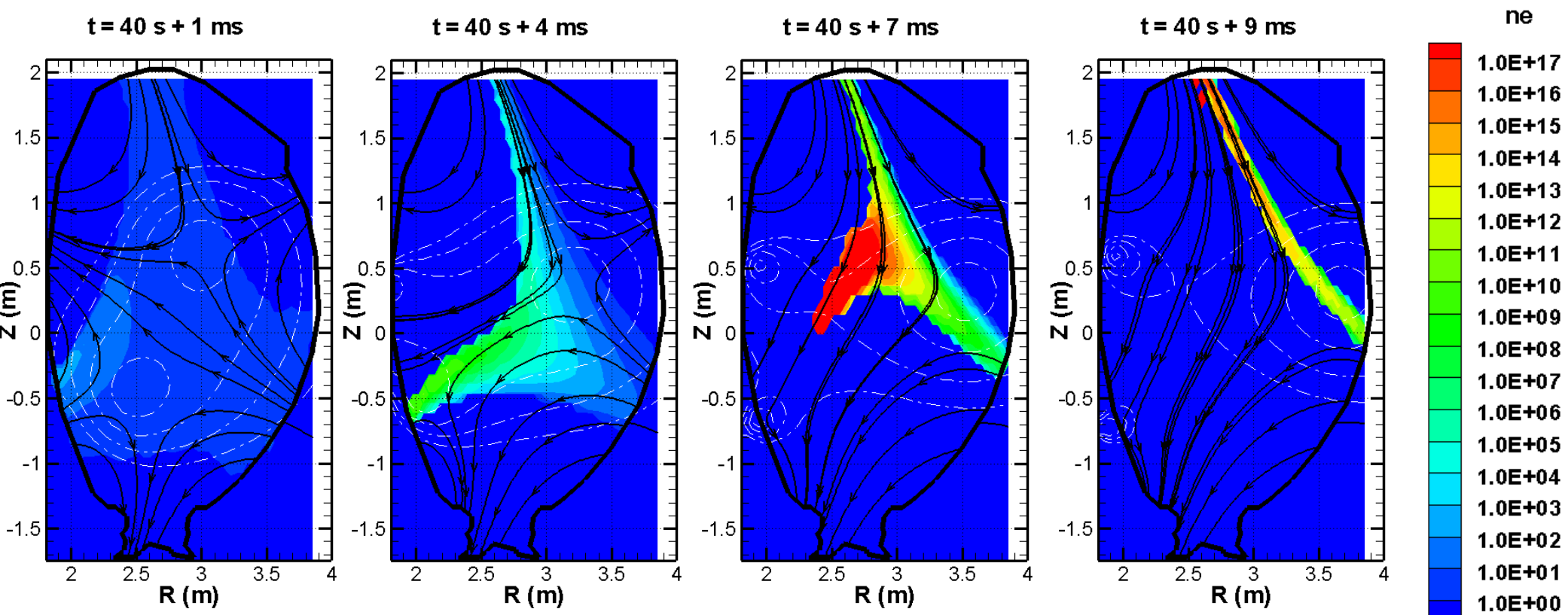
Simple slab devcie v.s. Tokamak

	Slab	Tokamak
E	$> \text{kV/m}$	$\sim \text{V/m}$
Pressure	$\sim 100 \text{ Pa}$	$\sim \text{mPa}$
B	0	$\sim 1 \text{ T}$
Track Length	$< 1 \text{ m}$	$> 1000 \text{ m}$
Fields characteristic	Homogeneous	Inhomogeneous
	Steady	Time-varying
Plasma response	negligible	??


Same physics ??

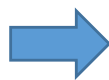
➔ **Dynamic evolution** should be considered to understand the ohmic breakdown in the tokamak

Electron density evolution of Mode D Scenario in JET



- Assume that the initial density of electron is 1 at everywhere
- Electron density evolve very dynamically with time-varying flux map (B-field and E-field).
- Multiplication of electron during 10 ms is **too large** ($> 10^{17}$). (it's unreal value)

Electrons are fast
Ions are almost in rest



Breakdown occurs with only **one-pass electrons**,
not by many generations.

Mysterious results of Townsend avalanche theory for the tokamak

- **Too fast & large avalanche growth**

Townsend : Plasma is locally fully ionized in a only few ms



Space charge

Experiment : Plasma still grows over than 10 ms in experiments

- **Transport**

Townsend : Electrons are swept away by external electric fields.



Space charge, fast electrons

Experiment : Broad structure of a channel is produced and maintained

Modeling

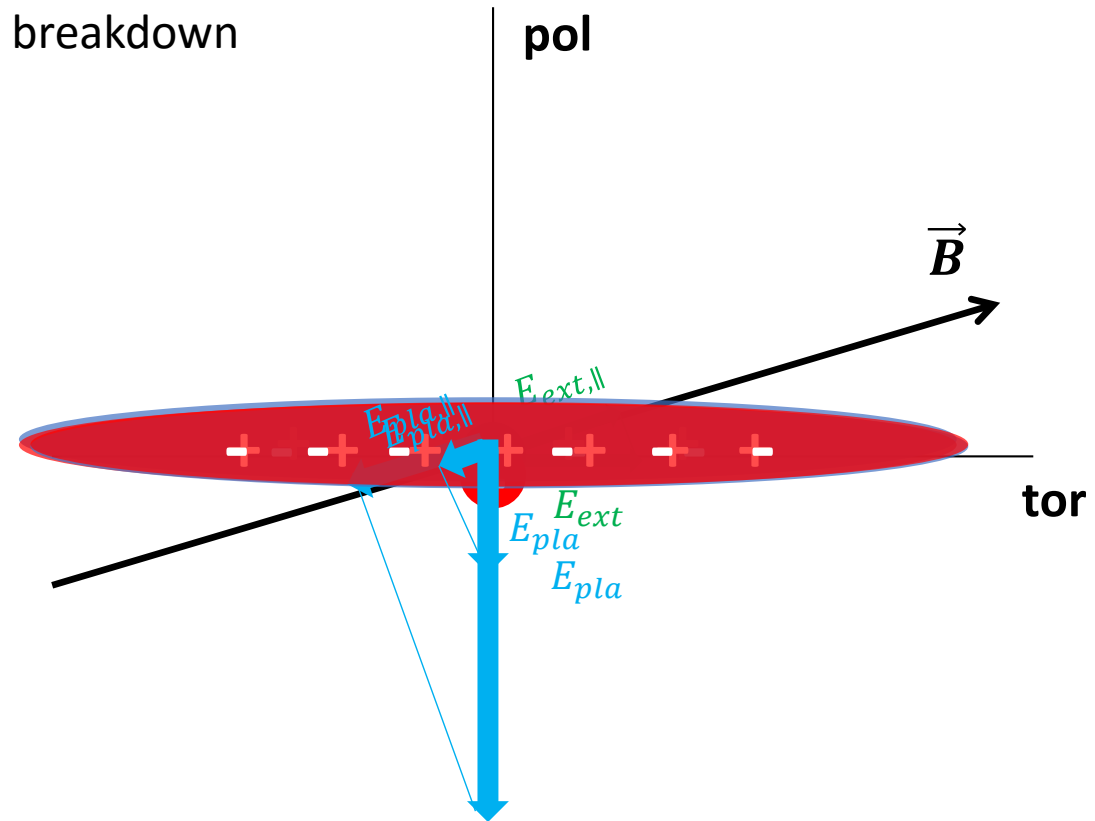
Plasma Response: Effect of Space Charge

- **Electric Field** play a very important role in breakdown

$E_{\parallel} \Rightarrow$ acceleration

$E_{\perp} \Rightarrow$ drift motion

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{E}_{pla} + \mathbf{E}_{ext}$$



Low charge density $|\mathbf{E}_{pla,\parallel}| \ll |\mathbf{E}_{ext,\parallel}| \Rightarrow$ Electron and Ion move opposite direction.

High charge density $|\mathbf{E}_{pla,\parallel}| \sim |\mathbf{E}_{ext,\parallel}| \Rightarrow$ Parallel heating reduced, Ambipolar like behavior
 $|\mathbf{E}_{pla,\perp}| \gg |\mathbf{E}_{ext,\perp}| \Rightarrow \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ drift motions

➡ Electric field configuration can be **modified by plasma response**.

Effect of Space Charge: Plasma transport

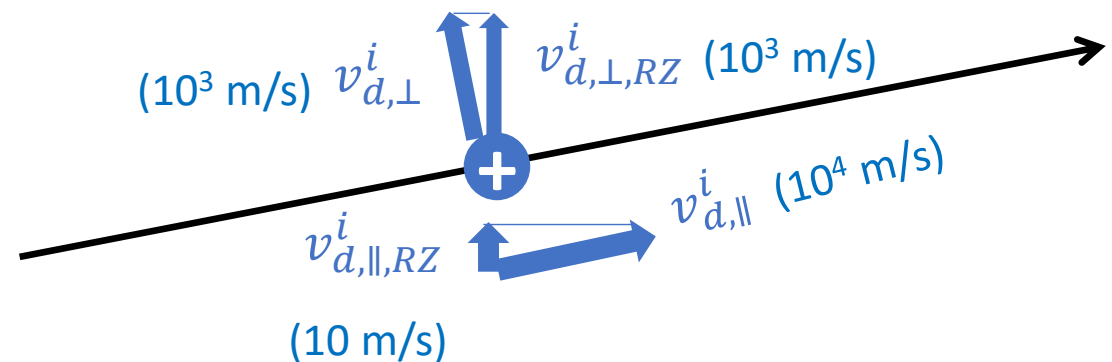
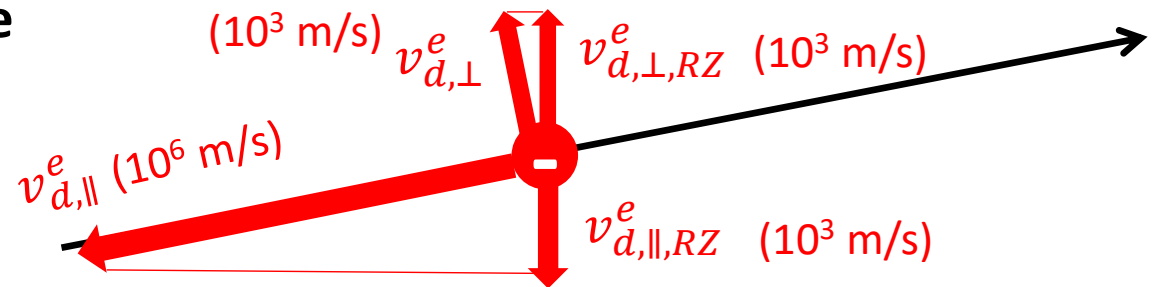
Due to the toroidal symmetry, **displacements in the RZ plane** are important.

$$|v_{d,\parallel}^e| \gg |v_{d,\perp}^e|$$

$$|v_{d,\parallel,RZ}^e| \sim |v_{d,\perp,RZ}^e|$$

$$|v_{d,\parallel}^i| \geq |v_{d,\perp}^i|$$

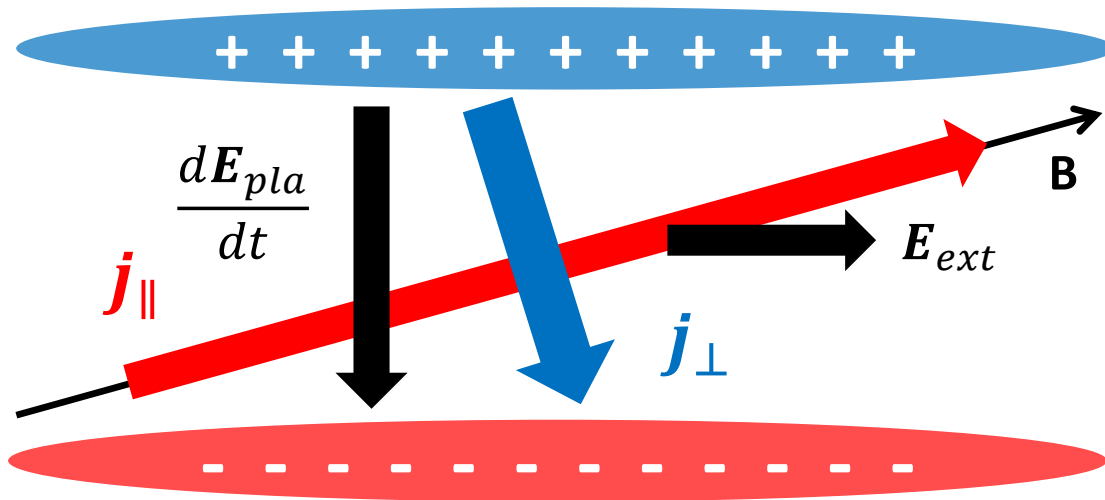
$$|v_{d,\parallel,RZ}^i| \ll |v_{d,\perp,RZ}^i|$$



Perpendicular transport could be dominant during the ohmic breakdown !!

➡ Townsend avalanche theory is not valid for this situation.

Quasi-neutrality of initial plasma $\left(\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} = ? ?\right)$



$$\mathbf{j}_{\parallel} = e(n_i v_{d,\parallel}^i - n_e v_{d,\parallel}^e)$$

$$\mathbf{j}_{\perp} = \frac{(n_i M + n_e m) dE_{\perp}}{B^2 dt}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left(\mathbf{j}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{j}_{\perp} + \epsilon_0 \frac{d\mathbf{E}}{dt} \right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{j}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{j}_{\perp} + \mathbf{j}_d) = 0$$

$$\text{If } n_i \ll \frac{\epsilon_0 B^2}{M}, \quad (\mathbf{j}_{\perp} \ll \mathbf{j}_d) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{j}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{j}_d) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\parallel} \neq 0$$

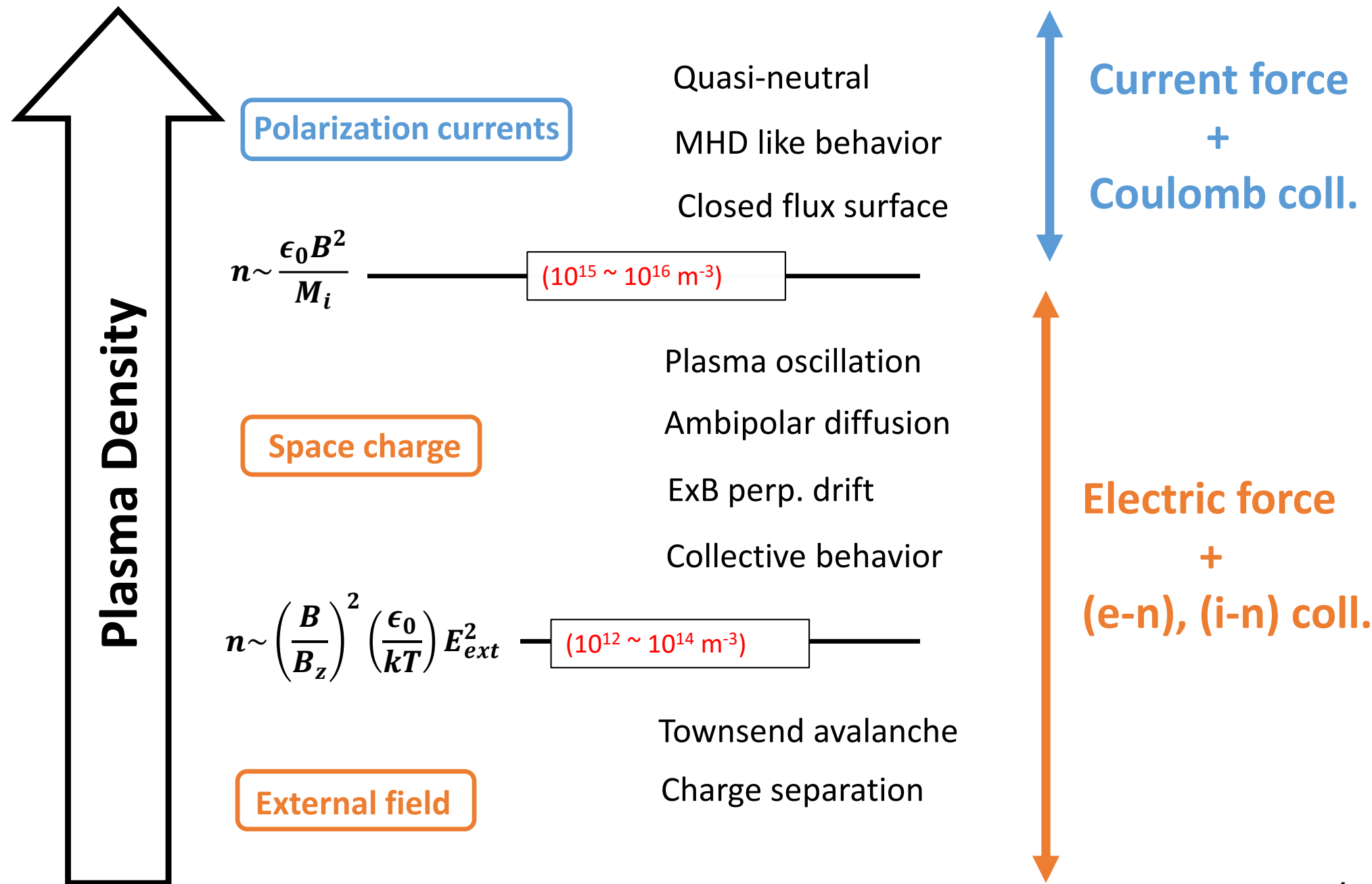
Non quasi-neutral

$$\text{If } n_i \gg \frac{\epsilon_0 B^2}{M}, \quad (\mathbf{j}_{\perp} \gg \mathbf{j}_d) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{j}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{j}_{\perp}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0$$

$$(10^{15} \sim 10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3})$$

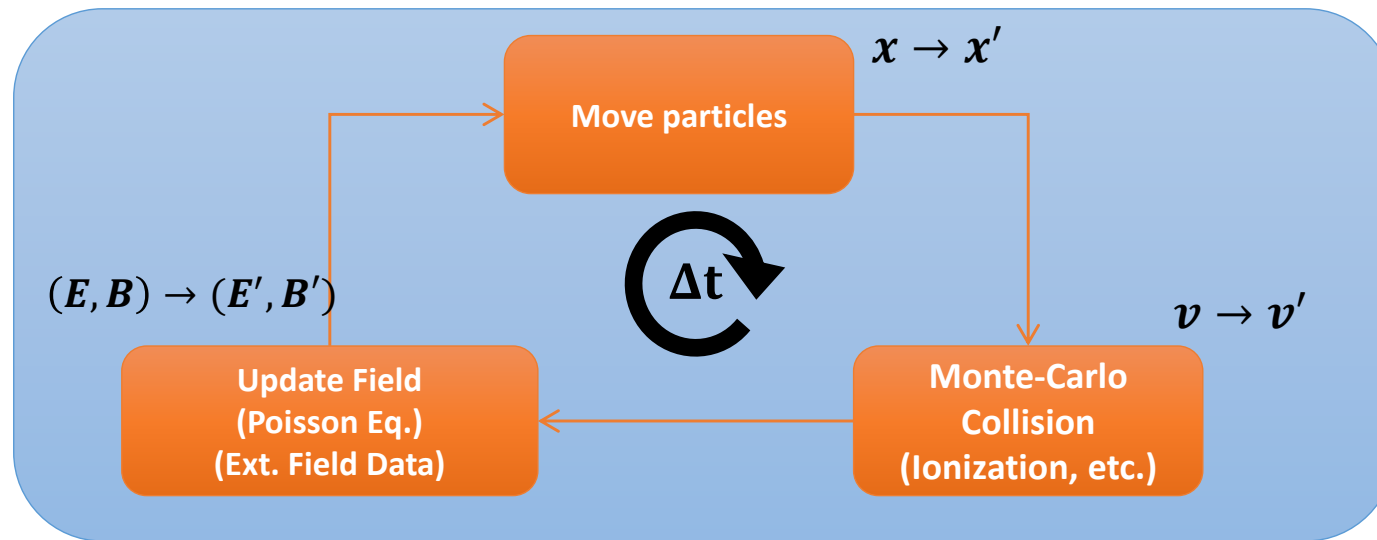
Quasi-neutral

My picture of the ohmic breakdown in the tokamak



Particle Simulation Development

BREAK (Breakdown Evolution Analysis in tokamak)



- 6 species (**e**, **H₂⁺**, **H⁺**, **H₃⁺**, **H_{2(fast)}**, **H_(fast)**) are considered.
- Guiding centers of the charged particle motions are calculated from **direct implicit method with D1 damping scheme** to reduce the computational cost.
- 26 collision reactions in the energy range of (0.01 – 1000) eV are treated by the **MCC (Monte Carlo Collision) scheme** to include atomic physics.
- **As a plasma response**, electric field generation due to the space charge is calculated from **Poisson equation** where the first-wall is considered as a grounded conductor.

Simulation results

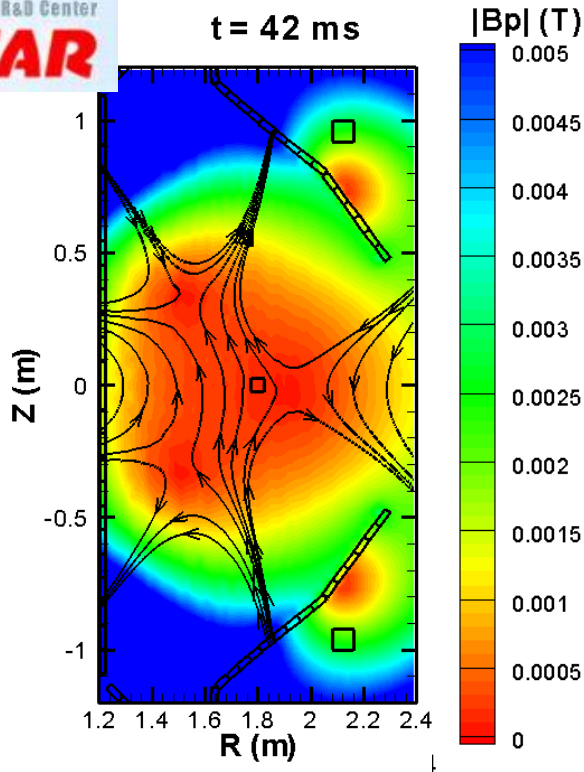
Application to KSTAR Breakdown Scenario

Reference breakdown scenarios of 2010

- Breakdown scenarios are designed by considering eddy currents as a ring model and ferromagnetic incoloy 908 material effect as a non-linear model [8].
- Magnetic field configurations are changed rapidly during the breakdown phase.
(30 - 60 ms)

Initial Condition for Particle Simulation	e^-	H_2^+	Gas
Density ($\#/m^3$)	2×10^8	2×10^8	4×10^{17}
Temperature (eV)	0.03	0.03	0.03
Num. Super Particle (#)	2×10^6	2×10^6	

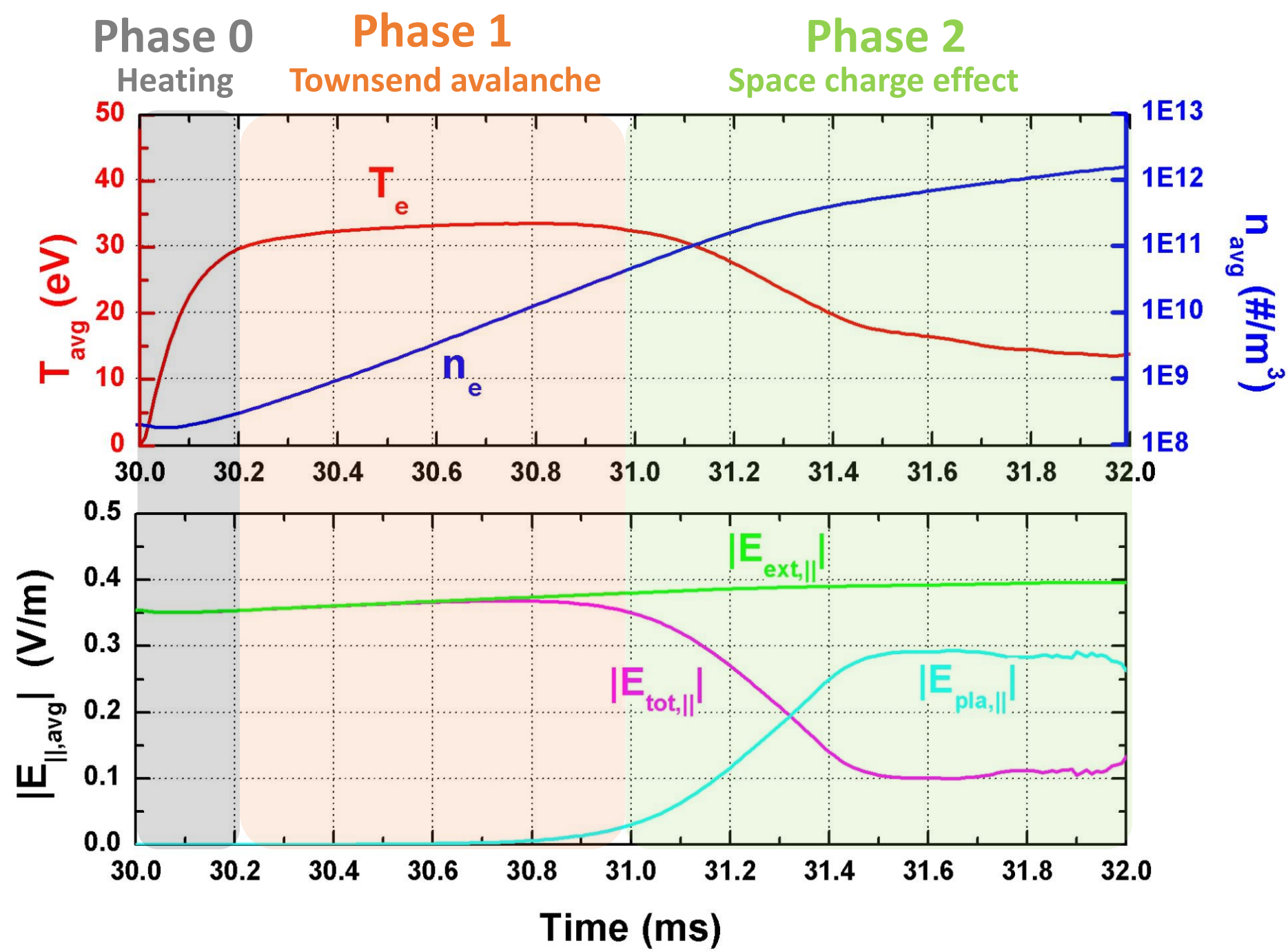
} p = 2 mPa



KSTAR 2010 scenario
magnetic field configuration

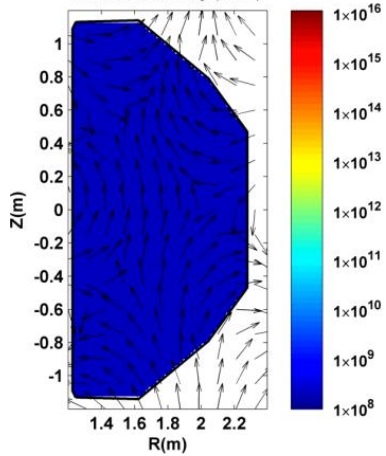
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Breakdown Simulation of KSTAR 2010 Scenario

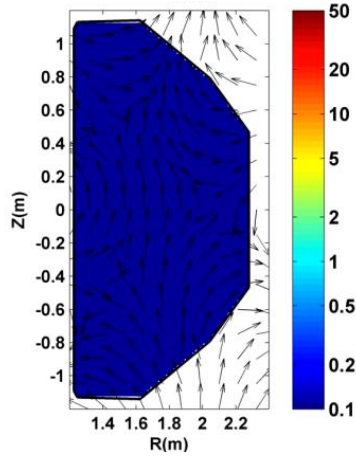


Phase 0. Heating of Background Electrons

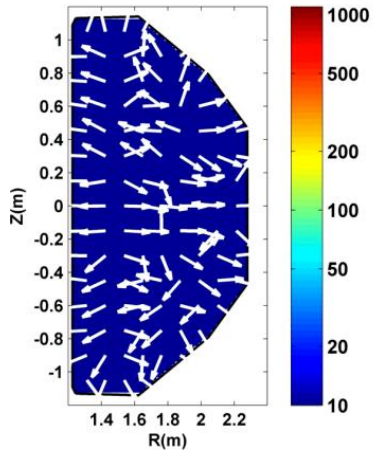
e^- Density ($\#/m^3$)



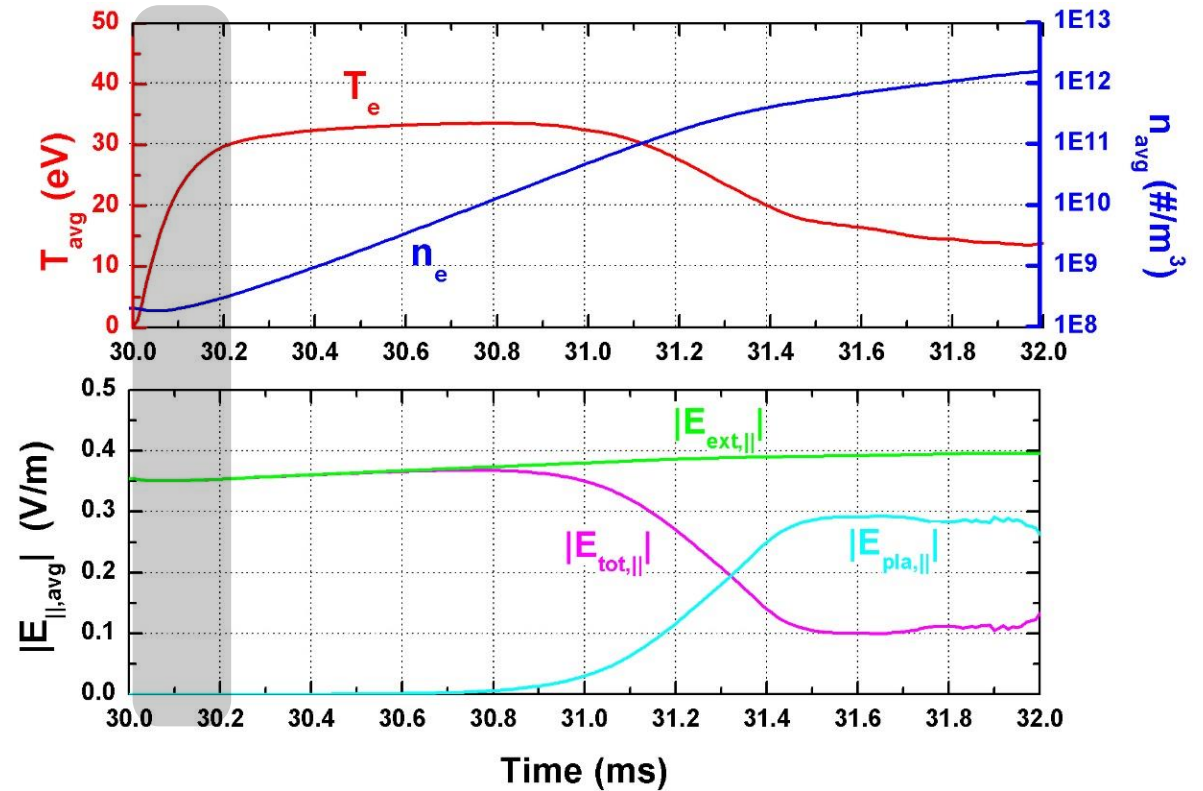
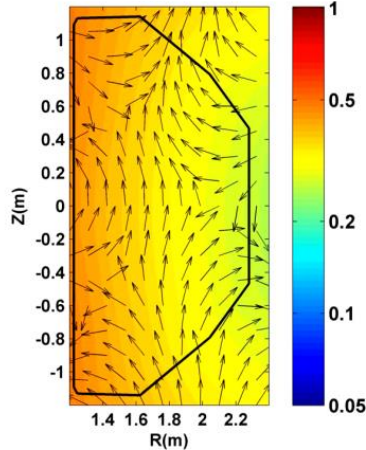
e^- Temperature (eV)



Potential (V)



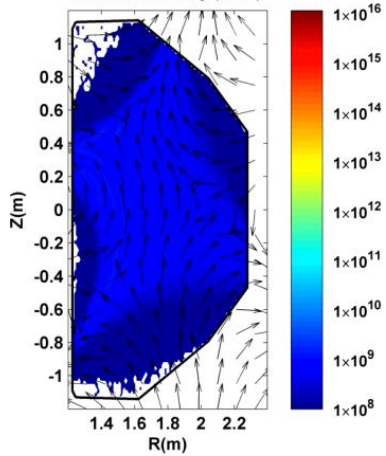
$|E_{||}|$ (V/m)



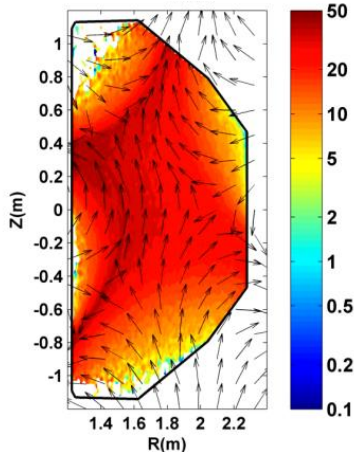
- ✓ Background electrons get energy from $E_{vac,||}$ very rapidly.
- ✓ Electron temperature becomes saturated due to balance of the energy gain from the electric field and the energy loss by collisions at the end of the phase 0.

Phase 1. Townsend Avalanche

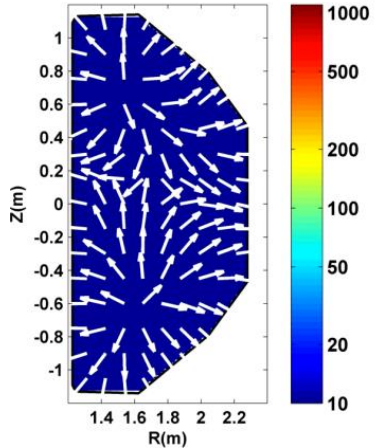
e^- Density ($\#/m^3$)



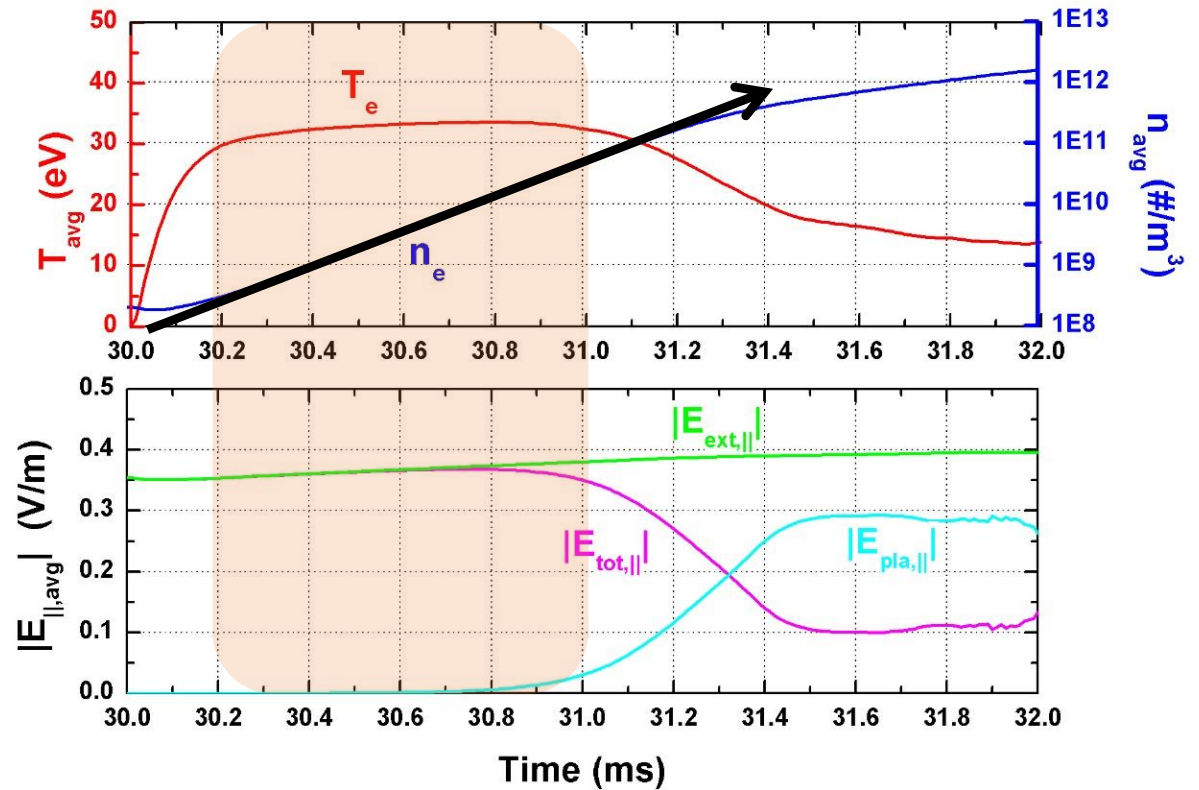
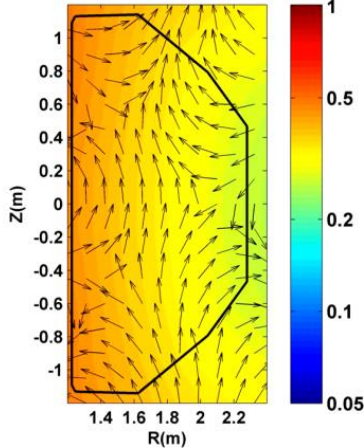
e^- Temperature (eV)



Potential (V)



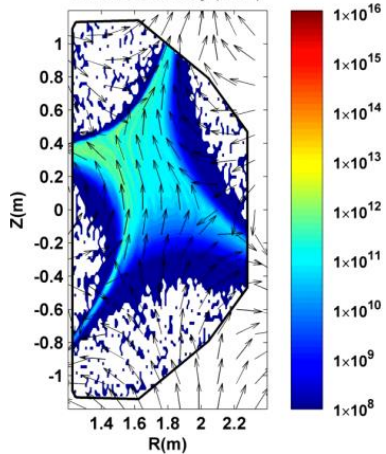
$|E_{\parallel}|$ (V/m)



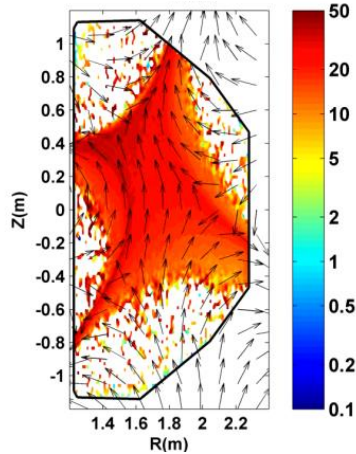
- ✓ External $E_{vac,\parallel}$ fields are dominant.
- ✓ Electrons move along the magnetic field lines (Ions are almost in rest).
- ✓ Electron avalanche occurs with **constant exponential density growth rate** according to **Townsend avalanche theory** $\left(\frac{dn(\vec{x})}{d\vec{l}} = \alpha n(\vec{x}) ; \alpha = A \exp(-Bp/E) \right)$.

Phase 2. Space Charge Effect

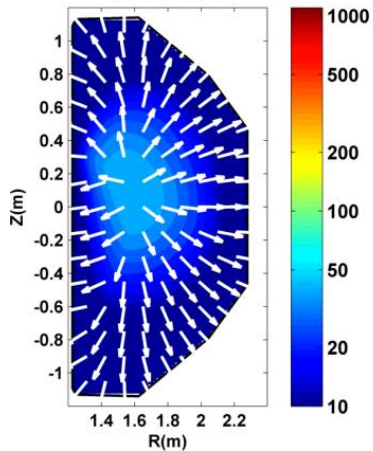
e^- Density ($\#/m^3$)



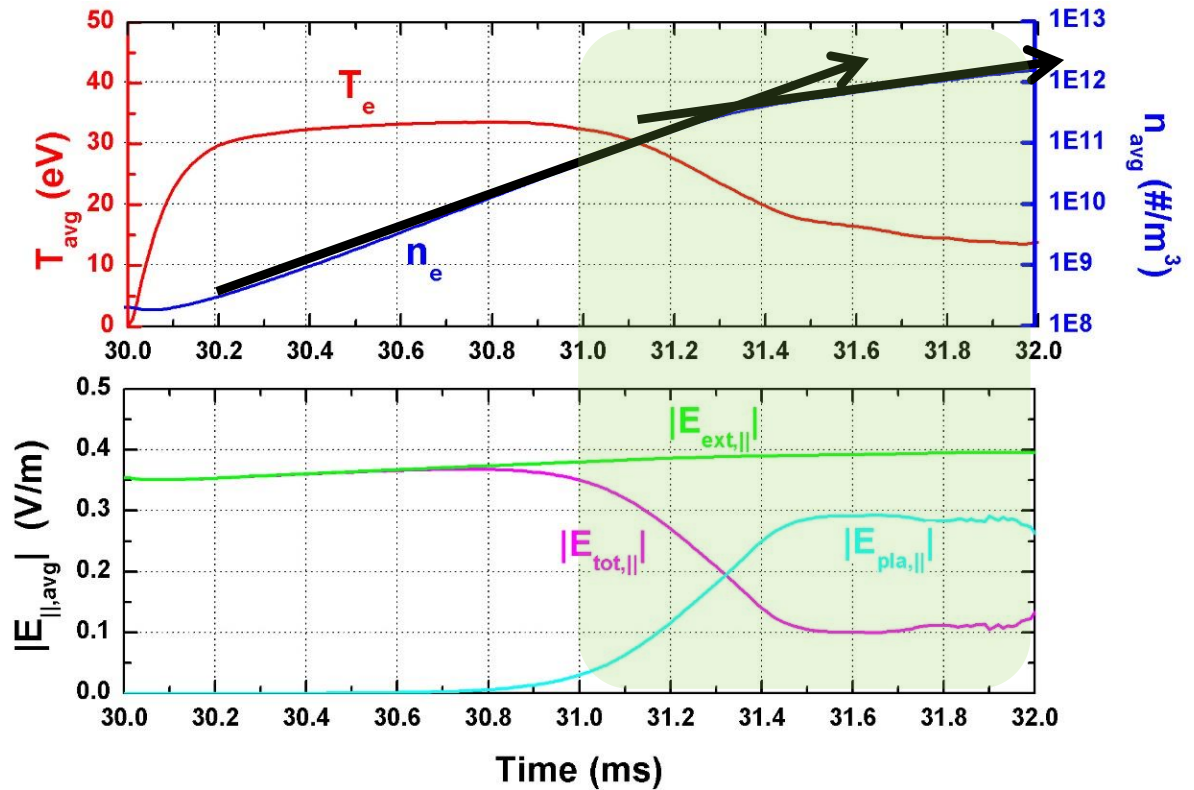
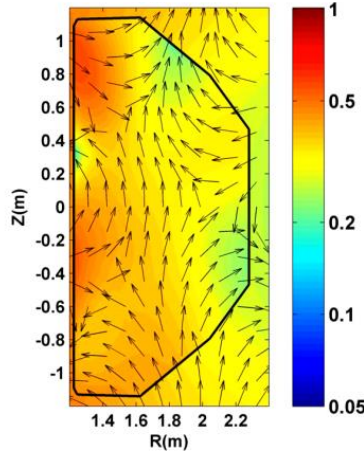
e^- Temperature (eV)



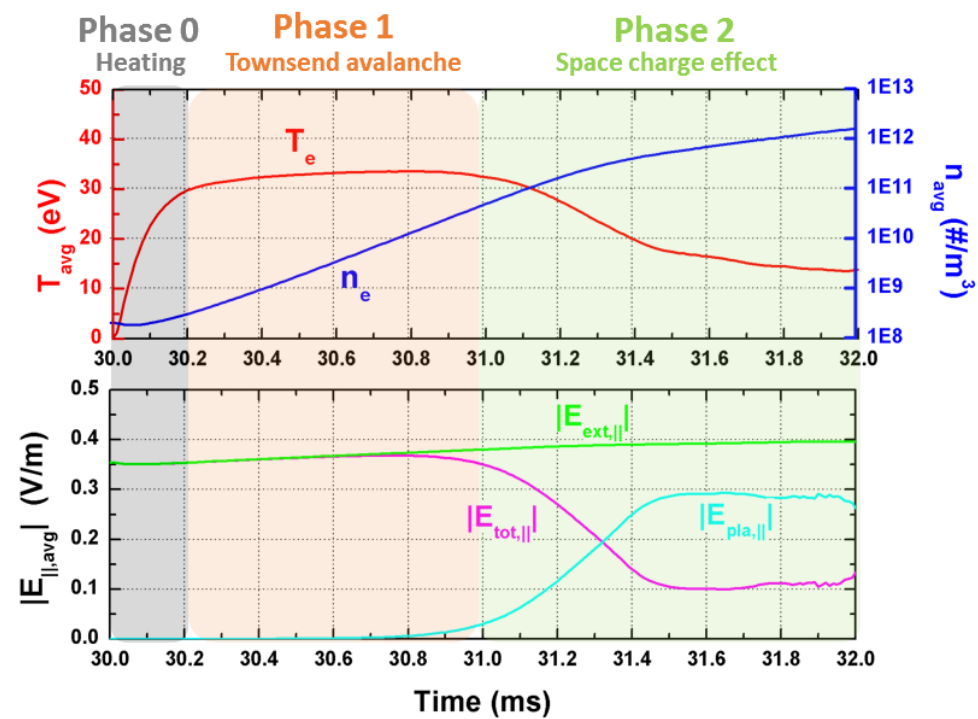
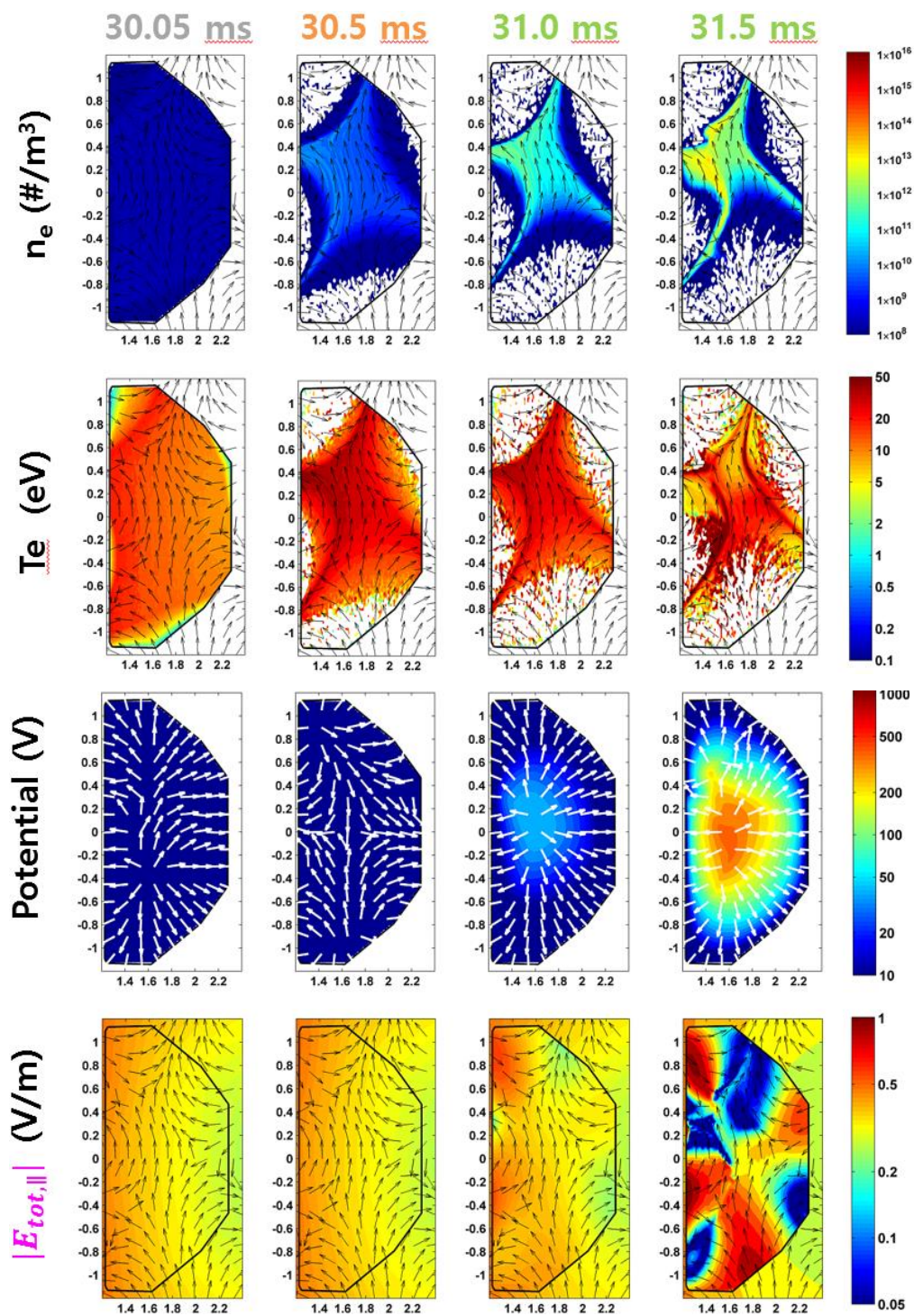
Potential (V)



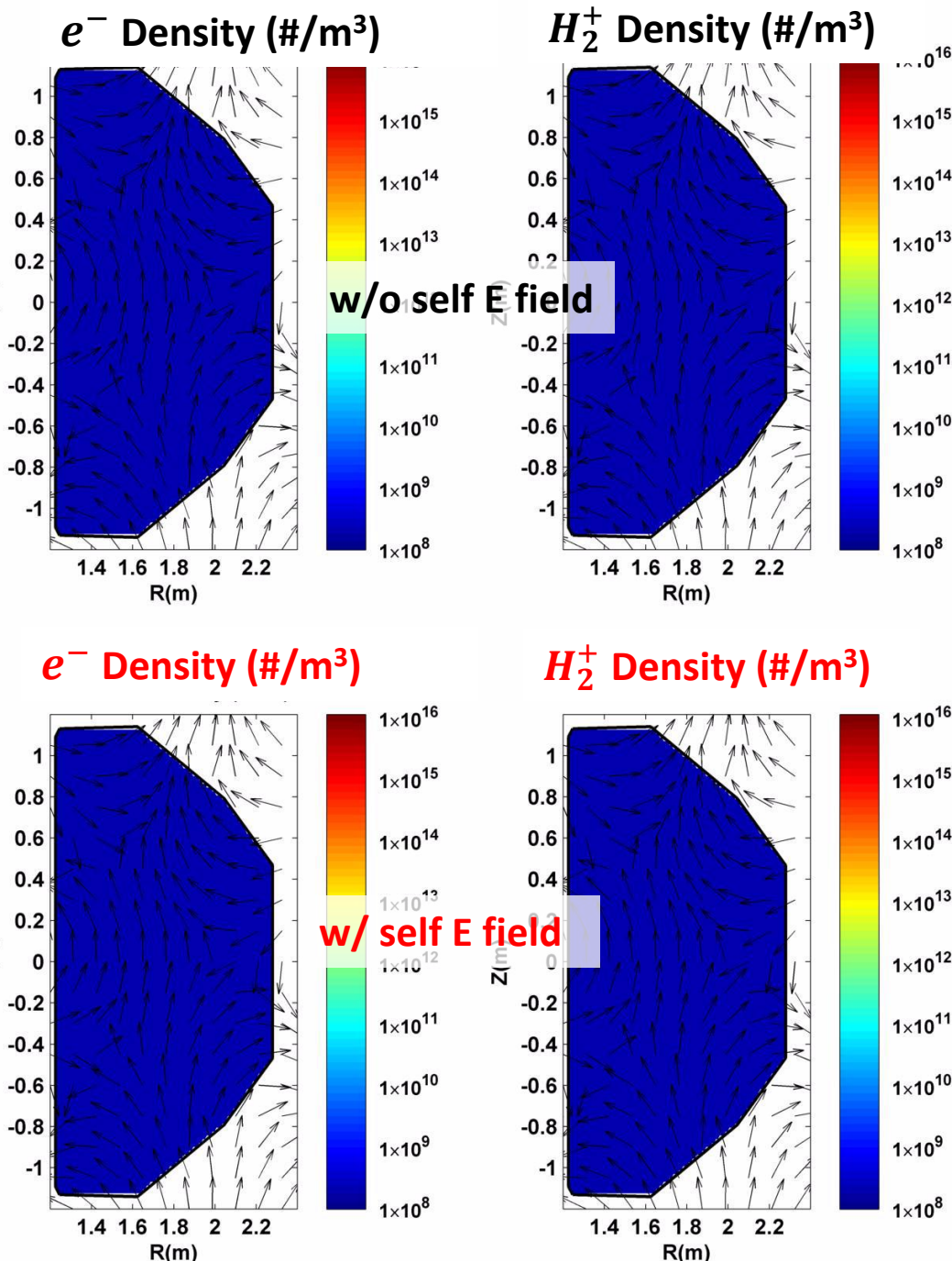
$|E_{||}|$ (V/m)



- ✓ Plasma potential is built up by positive **space charge** accumulated inside of the vessel.
- ✓ Electron energy is decreased due to **reduction of $|E_{||}|$** so that the electron density growth rate is also reduced.
- ✓ **Perp. transport** of the plasma is enhanced by the $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ **drift motion**.



Discussion



Role of space charge effect

✓ $|E_{\parallel}|$ modification

- Electron temperature is decreased due to **reduction of $|E_{\parallel}|$** so that the electron density growth rate is also reduced

✓ $\vec{E}_{\perp} \times \vec{B}$ drift motion

- New perpendicular transport is enhanced

$$e^- : (\perp \text{ transport}) \sim (\parallel \text{ transport})$$

$$H_2^+ : (\perp \text{ transport}) \gg (\parallel \text{ transport})$$

- ➔ Plasma-wall interactions with H_2^+ such as **secondary electrons** come into play during breakdown phase

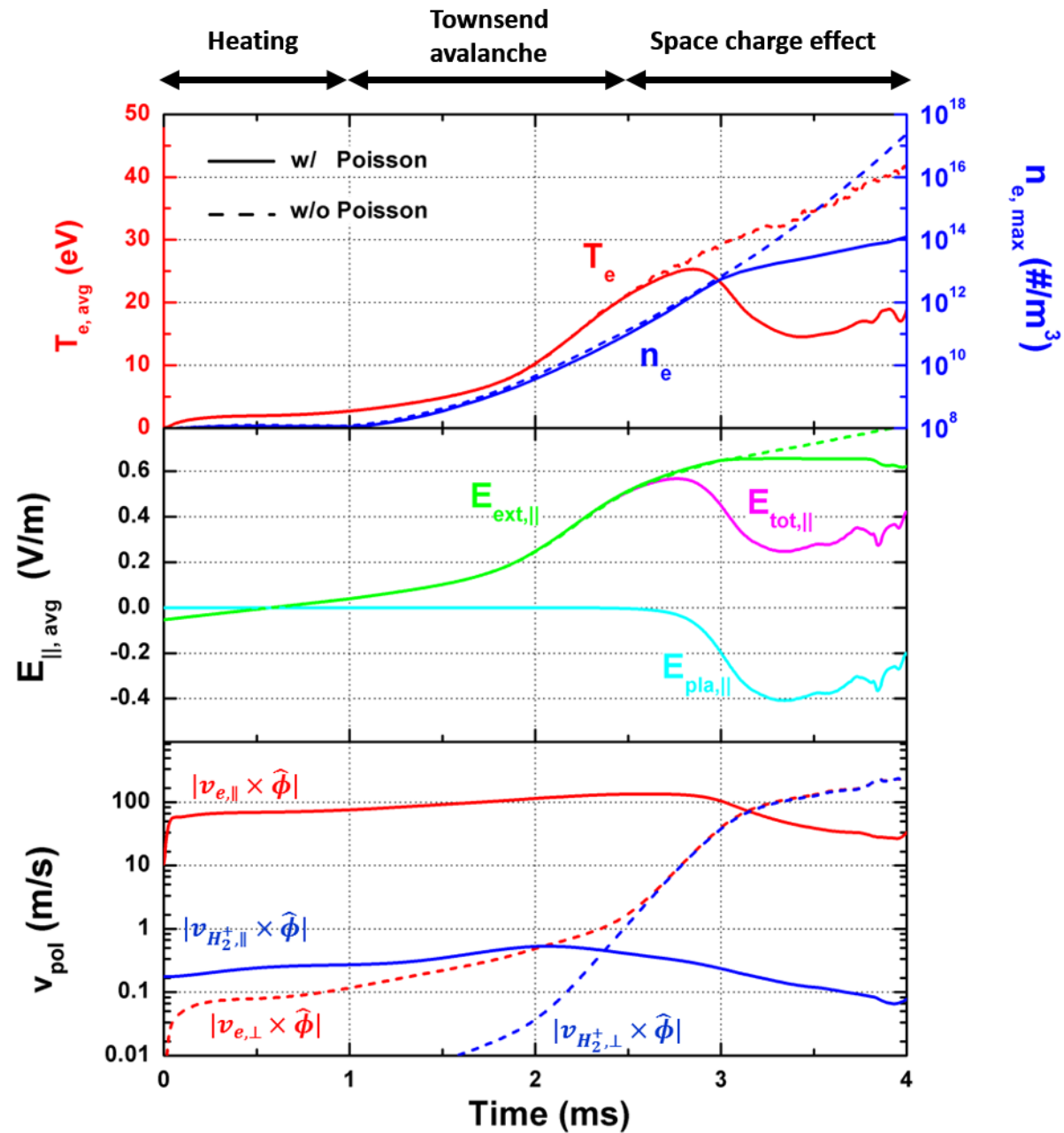
Summary

- We establish a **toroidal symmetric plasma model** and develop a **particle simulation code** to have a **proper understanding** of the ohmic breakdown physics in the tokamak.
- In the modelling and the simulations, **crucial roles of the self-produced electric fields by the space charge** of the plasma are **newly observed**.
- In the parallel direction, the **avalanche growth rate is reduced** by $|E_{tot,\parallel}|$ reduction due to the space charge effect.
- In the perpendicular direction, $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ drift due to the self-produced perpendicular electric field results in **new perpendicular transport** especially for cold ions which can totally change the picture of the breakdown.
- **These space-charge effects newly observed in this research** could be important clues for a deeper understanding of unresolved issues of the ohmic breakdown in the tokamak.

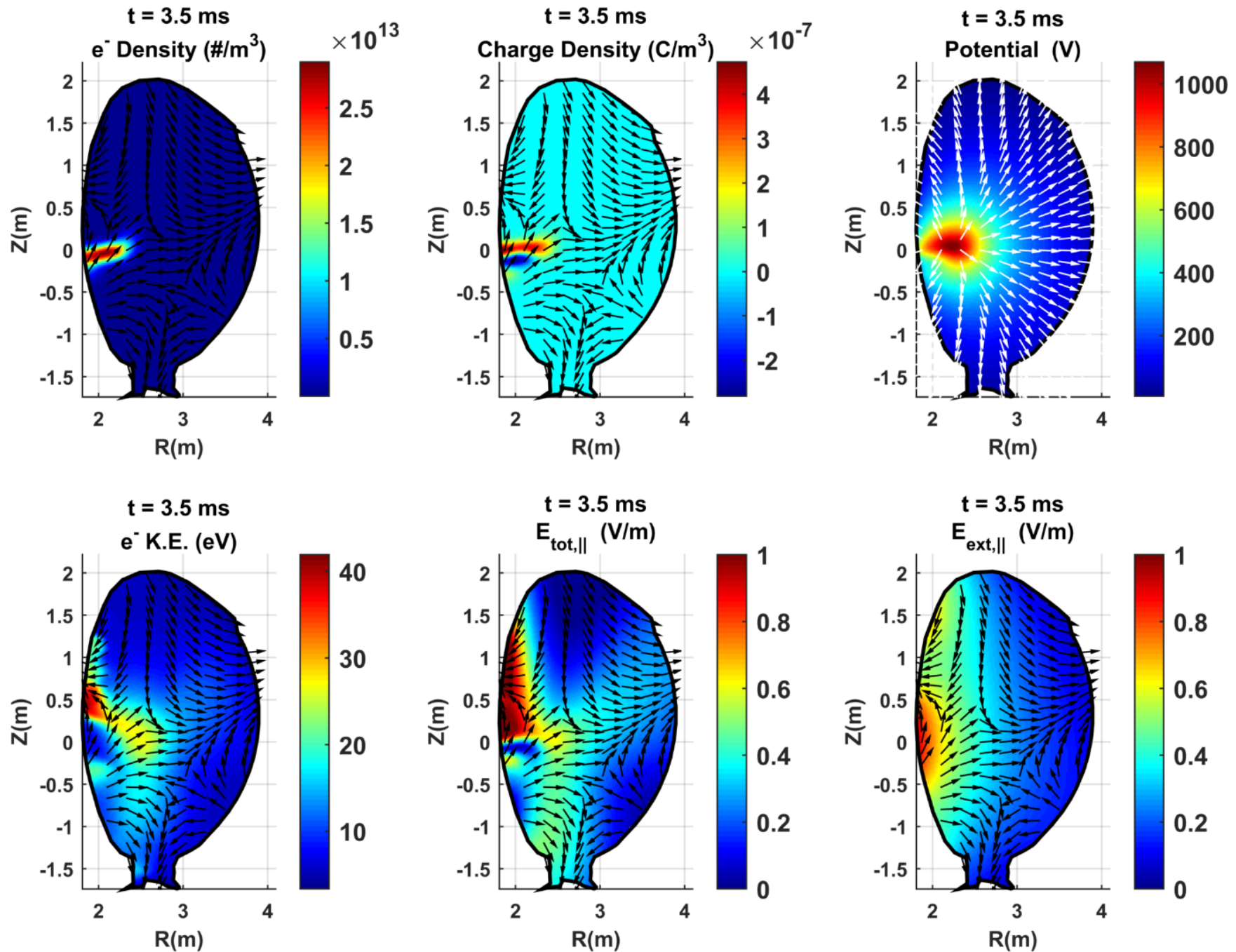
Thank you !!

Backup

Simulation results for #82404 shot of JET device



Simulation results for #82404 shot of JET device



Orderings

$R = 1.8 \text{ m}$, $B = 1 \text{ T}$, $T_e = T_i = 20 \text{ eV}$, $T_n = 400 \text{ K}$, Hydrogen Gas Pressure = 5 mPa

	Electron	Proton
Thermal velocity (v_t)	$2.7 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$	$6.2 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$
Drift velocity ($v_{\nabla B + \text{curv}}$)	15 m/s	15 m/s
Gyro-frequency (Ω)	$1.8 \times 10^{11} \text{ Hz}$	$9.6 \times 10^7 \text{ Hz}$
Gyro-radius (ρ)	$1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$

Electron's scattering	Elastic	Ionization
Frequency (ν)	$1.7 \times 10^5 \text{ Hz}$	$2.7 \times 10^4 \text{ Hz}$
Mean free path (λ)	16 m	100 m

i) $\Omega_e \gg \Omega_i \gg \nu$

ii) $\rho/L \ll 1$

iii) During 1 ms , $|\Delta x|_{\text{max,col}} = \rho \nu / 1000 \ll L$, $|\Delta x|_{\text{max,drift}} \ll L$

**\Rightarrow Particle is almost attached to magnetic field,
particle motion could be treated sufficiently as a **guiding center motion****

Electron evolution model

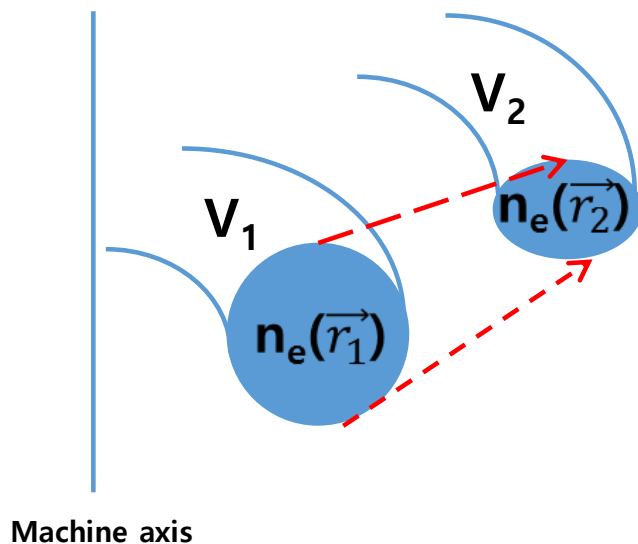
Empirical electron drift velocity by electric field : (Typically $E/p = 80\text{-}800$, $V_d \sim 0.55\text{--}2 \times 10^6$ m/s)

$$v_d \cong 6.9 * 10^4 \sqrt{(E/p)} \quad [\text{m/s}] \quad (\text{for } 70 < E/p < 1500 \text{ [V/m/Pa]})$$

During dt , electrons follow the path \overrightarrow{dl} parallel to magnetic field line with drift velocity v_d

$$\overrightarrow{dl} = \overrightarrow{v_d}(x, t) * dt$$

During some Δt , 2D-axisymmetric electron cloud(toroidal ring) move to location 2 from location 1. And electron density is multiplied by Townsend theory. (Neglect diffusion by coll.)



For 1-D : $\frac{dn(x)}{dt} = \alpha n(x) \Rightarrow n(x) = n_0 \exp\left(\int \alpha dx\right)$
(slab geometry)

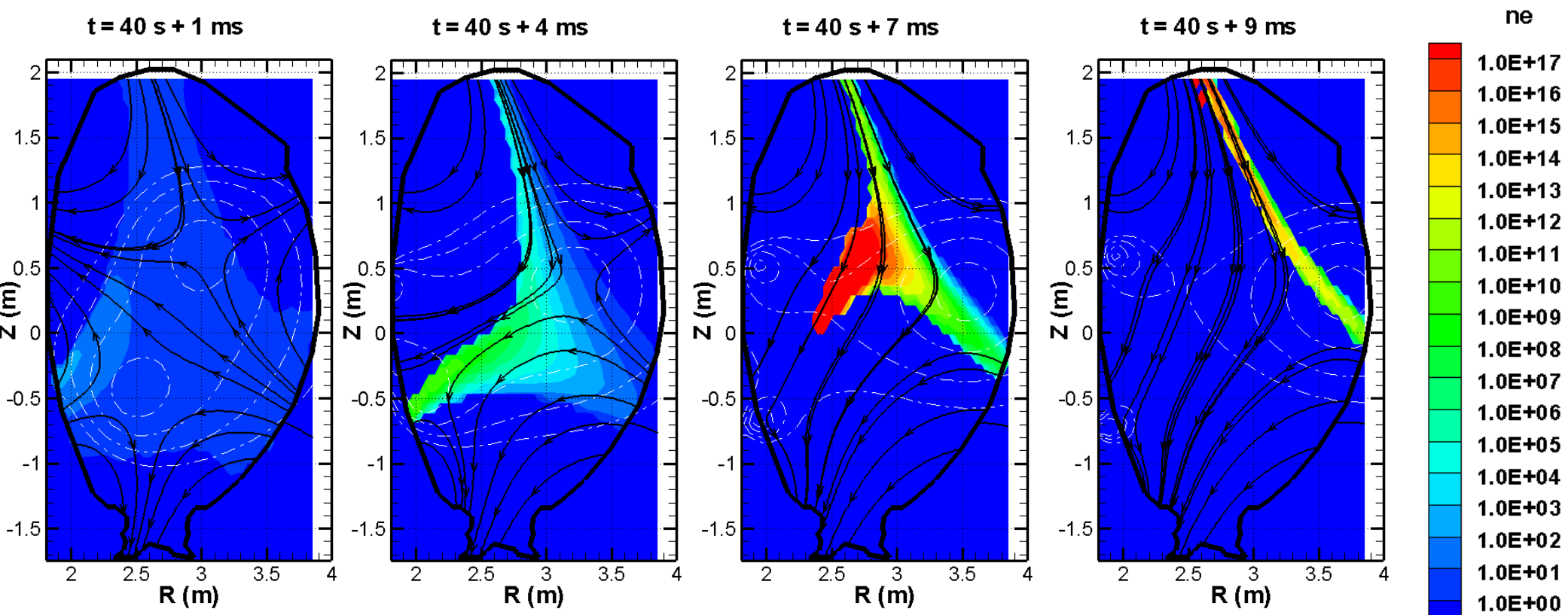
For 3-D : $n_e(\overrightarrow{r_2}) = n_e(\overrightarrow{r_1}) \times \exp\left(\int_{\overrightarrow{r_1}}^{\overrightarrow{r_2}} \alpha dl\right) \times \frac{V_2}{V_1}$
(tokamak geometry)

Townsend avalanche term
(Integrate along B field)
 $\frac{V_2}{V_1}$

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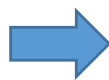
Townsend avalanche term
(Integrate along B field)
Volume compression term

Electron density evolution of Mode D Scenario in JET



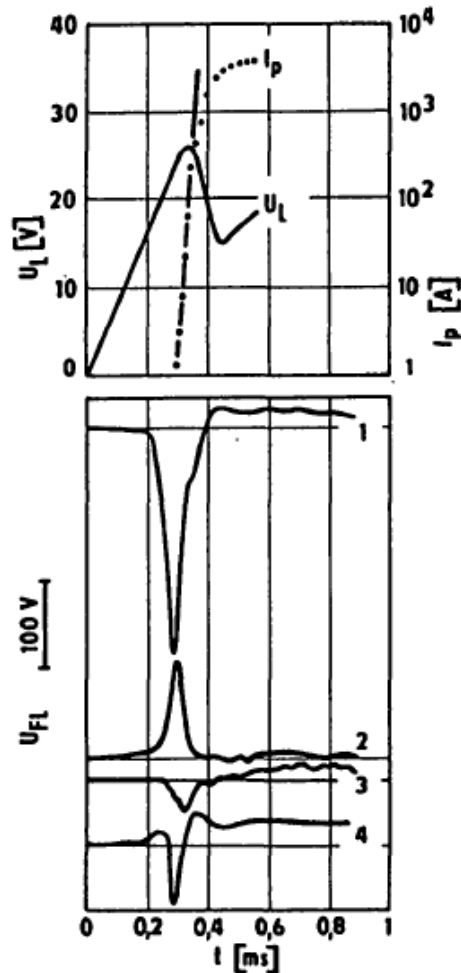
- Assume that the initial density of electron is 1 at everywhere
- Electron density evolve very dynamically with time-varying flux map (B-field and E-field).
- Multiplication of electron during 10 ms is **too large** ($> 10^{17}$). (it's unreal value)

Electrons are fast
Ions are almost in rest



Breakdown occurs with only **a single avalanche**,
not by many generations.

Floating Potential Measurement on CASTOR tokamak [11]



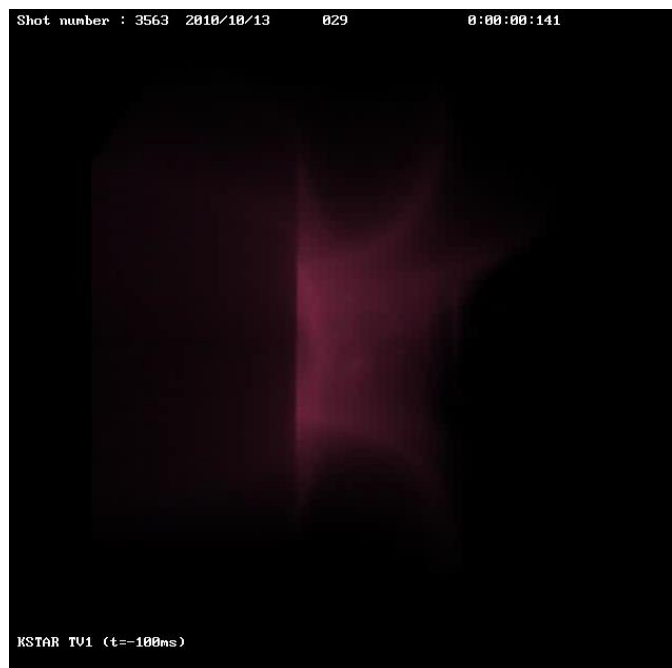
The experiment was carried out on the CASTOR tokamak, which has a major radius $R_0 = 0.4$ m, minor radius $a = 85$ mm

The maximum possible value of \vec{E}_\perp is given by the condition that the projection of the electric field along the lines of force vanish ($v_D = 0$):

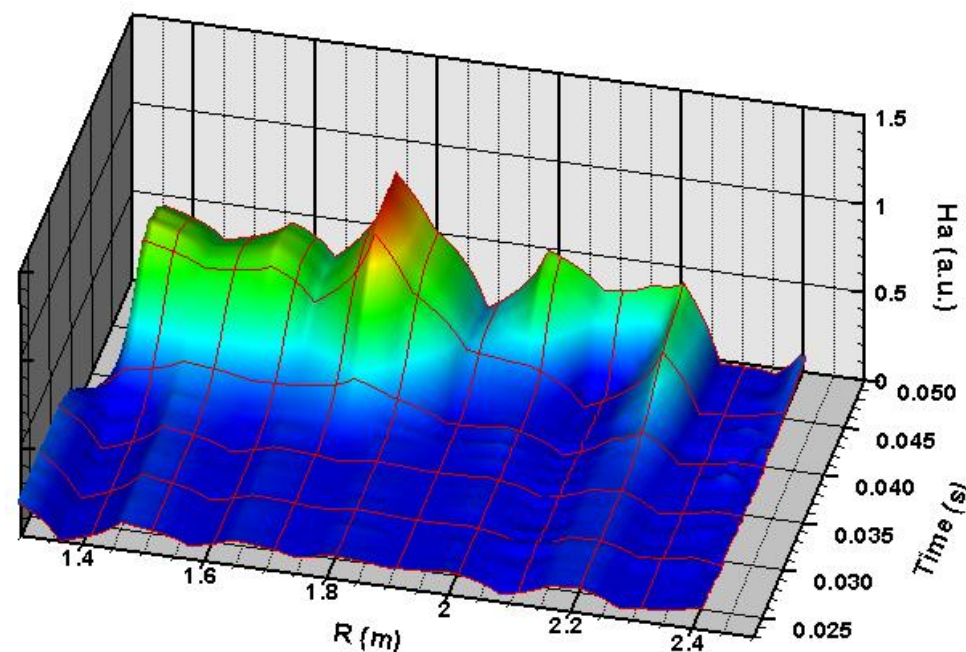
$$\vec{E}_\perp = -E \frac{B_T}{|B_\perp|^2} \cdot \vec{B}_\perp$$

FIG. 1. Temporal evolution of loop voltage U_L , plasma current I_p and floating potential U_{FL} of the probes for external magnetic fields: $B_H = 0.63$ mT, $B_V = -1.8$ mT. Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 denote the probe positions: $(R, z) = (R_0, a)$, $(R, z) = (R_0, -a)$, $(R, z) = (R_0 + a, 0)$ and $(R, z) = (R_0 - a, 0)$, respectively. (In the text, these are referred to as upper, lower, outer and inner probes.)

Measurement of 2010 reference scenario (#3563)



#3563 @ 40 ms

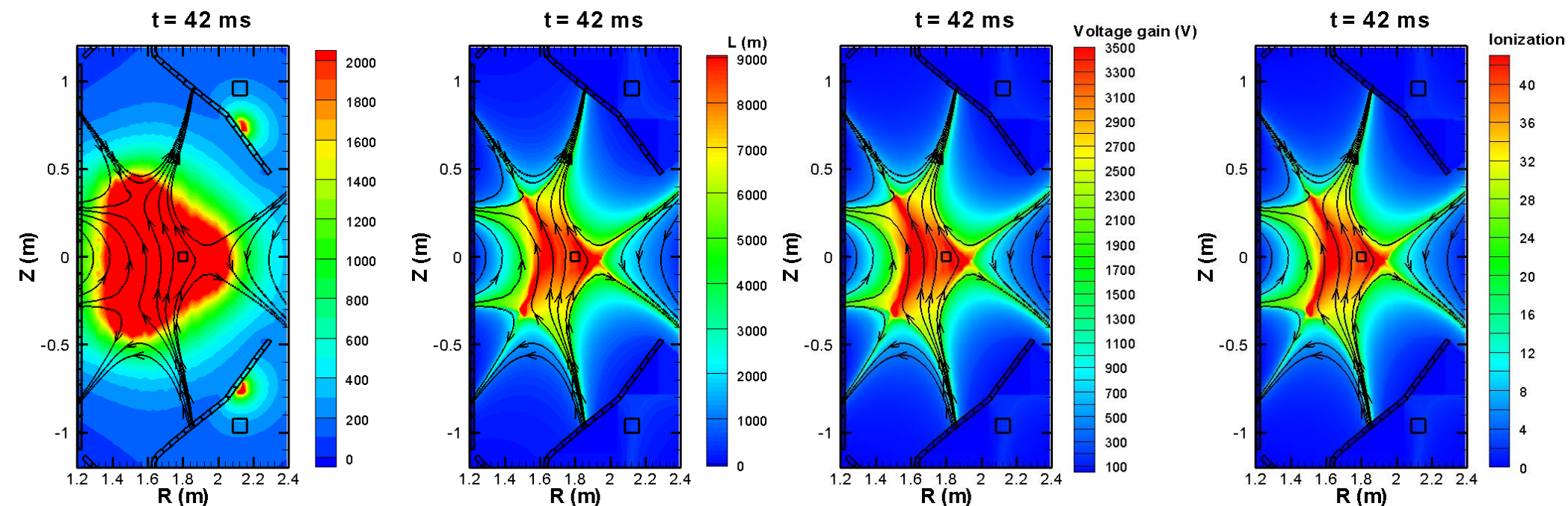


#3563 H-alpha signals

- Breakdown occurs widely from **40 ms**
- Most intense breakdown region matches with the field-line-following analysis

Field Quality of KSTAR 2010 scenario

Pre-fill gas = **Hydrogen**, Pressure = **2 mPa** (1.5×10^{-5} Torr), $B_T = 2$ T (at $R = 1.8$ m)



Conventional condition

Connection length

Voltage gain

Ionization number

Equation of Motion for Charged Particles [1]

- Equation of motion for charged particle

$$m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

- To the first order in m/q , the instantaneous acceleration $\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt}$ of the guiding center position \mathbf{r} [2]

$$m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = q[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r})] - \mu \nabla B(\mathbf{r})$$

- ➡ This equation gives a solution whose **instantaneous value is not physically relevant**,
only the low frequency part of the solution has a physical meaning (the **guiding center drifts**)

[1] F. Mottez, J.COMP.PHYSICS **227** (2008) 3260-2381

[2] T. Northrop, The Adiabatic Motion of Charged Particles, Interscience Publishers, 1963

Implicit method under Cylindrical Coordinate

- Discretized equation of motion for charged particle

$$\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} = \mathbf{v}_{n-1/2} + \Delta t \left[\bar{\mathbf{a}}_n - \frac{\mu}{m} \nabla B_n(\mathbf{x}_n) + \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{u}_n \times \mathbf{B}_n(\mathbf{x}_n) + \mathbf{a}_n^{\text{fictitious}} \right]$$

Centrifugal + Coriolis

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{h}^{-1} \Delta t \mathbf{v}_{n+1/2}$$

metrics

Implicit parameters (D1)

$$\bar{\mathbf{a}}_n = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{q}{m} \mathbf{E}_{n+1} + \bar{\mathbf{a}}_{n-1} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_n = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} + \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1/2})$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} + \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{n-3/2})$$

- Substituting implicit parameters with D1 scheme

$$\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} = \mathbf{v}_{n-1/2} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \bar{\mathbf{a}}_{n-1} - \frac{\mu \Delta t}{m} \nabla B_n + \frac{q \Delta t}{4m} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{n-3/2} \times \mathbf{B}_n(\mathbf{x}_n) + \Delta t \mathbf{a}_n^{\text{fictitious}} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{E}_{n+1} - \mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} \times \boldsymbol{\Theta}_n(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

$t_{\text{level}} \leq n$

$t_{\text{level}} = (n + 1)$

where $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_n(\mathbf{x}_n) = \frac{3q\Delta t}{4m} \mathbf{B}_n(\mathbf{x}_n)$

Prediction & Correction terms (Case 1)

- Let $\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} = \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n+1/2} + \delta\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2}$

For prediction ($\equiv \tilde{\mathbf{w}}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n+1/2} + \delta\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} = & \mathbf{v}_{n-1/2} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \bar{\mathbf{a}}_{n-1} - \frac{\mu\Delta t}{m} \nabla B_n + \frac{q\Delta t}{4m} \bar{\mathbf{v}}_{n-3/2} \times \mathbf{B}_n(x_n) + \Delta t \mathbf{a}_n^{\text{fictitious}} - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n+1/2} \times \boldsymbol{\Theta}_n(x_n) \\ & + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{E}_{n+1} - \delta\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} \times \boldsymbol{\Theta}_n(x_n) \end{aligned}$$

For correction ($\equiv \delta\mathbf{w}$)

- The equation of motion is divided into two parts

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n+1/2} = \tilde{\mathbf{w}} - \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n+1/2} \times \boldsymbol{\Theta}_n(x_n)$$

$$\delta\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} = \delta\mathbf{w} - \delta\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} \times \boldsymbol{\Theta}_n(x_n)$$

Predicted velocity

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{1 + \boldsymbol{\Theta}^2} (\mathbb{I} - \boldsymbol{\Theta} \times \mathbb{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \cdot \mathbf{w}_n$$

Correction velocity

$$\delta\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{1 + \boldsymbol{\Theta}^2} (\mathbb{I} - \boldsymbol{\Theta} \times \mathbb{I} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}\boldsymbol{\Theta}) \cdot \delta\mathbf{w}$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{E}_{n+1} = \mathbf{E}_{n+1}(x_{n+1})$$

Pre-Push

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{h}^{-1} \Delta t \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{n+1/2}$$

Final-Push

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1} + \mathbf{h}^{-1} \Delta t \delta\mathbf{v}_{n+1/2}$$



$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{h}^{-1} \Delta t \mathbf{v}_{n+1/2}$$

Implicit Field Equation (Case 1)

- How to guess $E_{n+1}(x_{n+1})$?

Gauss's law

Continuity equation

Correction velocity

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_{n+1} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\tilde{\rho} + \delta\rho)$$

$$\delta n_s = -\nabla \cdot (\tilde{n}_s \delta \mathbf{x}_s) = -\nabla \cdot (\tilde{n}_s \delta \mathbf{v}_s \Delta t)$$

$$\delta \mathbf{v}_{s,n+1/2} = \frac{1}{1 + \Theta_s^2} (\mathbb{I} - \Theta_s \times \mathbb{I} + \Theta_s \Theta_s) \cdot \frac{\Delta t q_s}{2 m} \mathbf{E}_{n+1}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_s (q_s \tilde{n}_s + q_s \delta n_s) = \frac{\tilde{\rho}}{\epsilon_0} - \nabla \cdot \left[\sum_s \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{n}_s q_s^2}{\epsilon_0 m_s} \frac{\Delta t^2}{1 + \Theta_s^2} (\mathbb{I} - \Theta_s \times \mathbb{I} + \Theta_s \Theta_s) \cdot \mathbf{E}_{n+1} \right]$$

- Implicit field equation

$$\nabla(\mathbb{I} + \vec{\chi}) \cdot \mathbf{E}_{n+1} = \frac{\tilde{\rho}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{where } \vec{\chi} \equiv \sum_s \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{n}_s q_s^2}{\epsilon_0 m_s} \frac{\Delta t^2}{1 + \Theta_s^2} (\mathbb{I} - \Theta_s \times \mathbb{I} + \Theta_s \Theta_s)$$

$$\nabla(\mathbb{I} + \vec{\chi}) \cdot \nabla \Phi_{n+1} = -\frac{\tilde{\rho}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{assuming } \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi$$